

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
In-Person and VIA ZOOM
Minutes for Regular Meeting
December 13, 2021**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Butler, Hubbell, Melton

Absent: Cosgrove, Slopsema

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Hubbell, second by Melton to approve November 8, 2021, meeting minutes.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: .

Unfinished Business:

1. Hi Pray Park Dug Outs: Bartosik bid/estimate. The dollars are already in the budget and will roll over into the 2022/2023 budget. Clerk will communicate with Barosik regarding getting the permit updated and moving forward. Drawing will be updated for building code.

At this point, the estimate amounts are in under budget.

2. General Updates: Lossie Trail Nature Trail (LRNT) status, Slopsema, notes that the walking bridge is in need of repair. ((The notation of the wetland in November minutes should really just be referring to the bridge on the LRNT.))

Slopsema sent a picture in an email regarding the bridge on the LRNT.

LRNT wetland area: Is that a project for the committee to look at in the 2022/2023 fiscal year? This project needs outside consulting and assistance.

Engineering companies can be contacted, Fleis and VandenBrink or Wade Trim or another company could give input. Contact Steve Lagerquist of the Grand Traverse Conservancy and find out who he would recommend.

Discussion of the EGLE / MiWaters application requiring wetland delineation and project plans.

The idea of simple drop in dock type sections could be investigated.

Discussion of mowing the LRNT and the BCNA. We do need a better maintenance plan for the nature areas. Denny Leach used to take care of BCNA.

The township has not agreed on hiring a maintenance person as an employee or an independent contractor.

There were no bids on the arborist job. There are people/entities that are interested in doing the tree removal.

WTP playground: need to make a plan to get the playground pieces reinstalled next year. Landing zone materials for the equipment. If we get slides from a company, for example Burke, would they let us know dimensions and distances needed. Looking to getting the monkey bars and merry-go-round back in. The merry-go-round reinstall is part of the work already being done by Steve Jahr. Jahr will finish the playground in the spring.

New Business:

1. Budget for 2022/2023: start the discussion, start thinking about what we want to plan and budget.
Possible baby swing at Hi-Pray and / or some small child play equipment.

Need to know the history status of the Lossie Trail from the Board. Popp and Vollmuth have the assignment.

Next regular meeting: January 10, 2022.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary