

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Regular Meeting
December 13, 2022**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Cosgrove, Hubbell, Melton, Voice

Absent: Butler

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

MOTION by Cosgrove, second by Hubbell to approve November 14, 2022, meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Butler-n/a; Voice-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Melton-yes; Hubbell-yes. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Boat launch project has been approved to go out for bid.

Unfinished Business:

1. BCNA tree removal – no known board action. Popp stated in the November board meeting he was not going to get quote information from Largent for the additional tree removal. The project was not completed. Largent indicated that the full amount of the “up to” contract has not been maxed out so it would likely fall within the amount still available. Largent indicated that a center line of the trail just needs to be set and he could determine the trees that need to be addressed.

PRAC can get the numbers and present to the board.

PRAC needs to make a determination / decision of when a project is presented to the Board and out of PRAC hands .

Melton will contact Largent to get a quote.

2. Lossie Trail wetland improvements, EGLE preconstruction walk through requires a \$100 fee be prepaid. MiWaters website must be used to get the permit. This is the first step that must be addressed before any quotes or estimates can be gotten. Several members of the community have offered to pay the fee to get the project moving.

3. Hi Pray Park playground status update: everything has been completed. Another inspection is not required but will be scheduled and will be completed at no additional charge.

4. Lossie /BCNA trail signage – on hold, **pending cleanup of downed tree damage.**

5. Revised Draft bylaws to revise meeting dates – was not submitted to the board in time for inclusion in the December meeting. It has been presented for inclusion in the January board meeting.

6. GT County ARPA grants have been submitted. ARPA submissions list was in the Record Eagle. Public comment at the Commission meeting tomorrow morning, December 14 at 8 a.m. Additional meetings are scheduled for the 21st and 28th. The county hopes to announce on or before the 28th.

7. SPARKS grants – BNA trail improvements related to the management plan, specifically the trail to the beach with the overlook deck and the connect to the Lossie Trail.

Two resolutions were approved by the board for grant submittal. One resolution for BCNA and one for the Hi Pray walking trail. The park beach proposal did not get approved as it needs more detail.

In the first round of SPARKS grants the BCNA project is being pursued.

Will need more information and estimates for the Hi Pray Park walking trail and parking lot. Will get prices. The one

that came through for the trail was for a 10' wide trail. It does not need to be that wide. Will be able to get the information together for the walking trail and park beach grants for the second round.

PRAC board liaison will be Don Glenn.

There is a disconnect between the PRAC and the board.

The board indicated that the PRAC should have more input on projects at the park.

New Business:

1. Budget items: Have we gotten any input from the board on the "use it or lose it" funding – no roll over allowed year to year? The board can, apparently, change their mind each year. This will be a question for Glenn.

How can we budget for anything if it cannot be completed in one year?

Have we gotten any input from the board on what their top priorities are for PRAC to work on?

Slide, bench, table, infant swing and a play station for the smaller kids at the park playground - \$46,000.

Lossie Road Nature Trail, reinstate last year's \$25,000 for wetland mitigation.

BCNA, reinstate last year's \$15,000.

Diamond dust for the ball fields at Hi Pray Park.

October 17, 2022, the board motioned and approved 27.5% of the township ARPA fund for LRNT and BCNA.

Maintenance items for the budget will need to be put together. The trails need a maintenance plan. Recommend the trails and parking areas be mowed three to four times a year.

We will have a maintenance budget and capital improvements budget.

Next regular meeting: January 9, 2023, 7 p.m.

Public Comment:

Public comment - none

Adjournment: 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary