

Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
VIA ZOOM
Minutes for Regular Meeting
December 14, 2020

Call to order 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call: Butler, Cosgrove, Hubbell, Melton, Slopsema,
Also in attendance Clerk Goss

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Cosgrove, second by Butler to approve November 9, 2020, meeting minutes. Roll call: Hubbell-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Butler-yes; Slopsema-yes; Melton-yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Boat launch: Public Hearing will be at the January 12, board meeting.

Highlights of changes: additional space for turning at the launch; island where the dump station is will have one boat wash with space available for another if there is a demand and funding in the future; ranger station has been moved to allow for more campers in the camper lane (stacking); customer parking changed; took the divider out for the incoming/outgoing traffic separator; gated parking lot – pavilion use will get a token for access; dumpster area has been included in the drawings. Full set of revised plans are available at the township.

Paul Peterson is our DNR rep.

Unfinished Business:

1. Updates on current projects:

Dug-outs: getting 2.5"x2.5" clamps is still an issue, Perfect Fence cannot find the clamps. Barb from Perfect Fence would still like to weld it. F&V, engineers indicate that welding changes galvanized pipe's structural strength. F&V suggests that Barb get the end-rail clamps custom made locally. We need 12 clamps. Still need a final quote once the clamps can be gathered. If they cannot do the project this winter we will request to be first in the spring.

Township Park directional signs have been installed. Pictures sent previously. One area where several paths converge may be good to have an additional post added.

Kiosks for BCNA and Lossie Road Nature Trail are being temporarily stored at the park. Steve Jahr is going to give a quote for installation, including installation of the steel roofing ridge-cap. Need to have someone mark exactly where those should go. Concrete was left outside, got hard and has been disposed of. Will need to use weather-proof signage on the kiosk, like the maps that were made. Eliminates the whole plexi-glass problem. Could stain it in the future – will then become a maintenance issue.

2. Parks and Rec Plan review: Clerk will continue to make the red-line version updates.

Survey update: End of the survey was yesterday, 12/13. We have had 127 responses on the website and have been printed. We have received 69 paper copies. Total received 196. We are still receiving them in with tax payments. Is there a tabulator available through the website? Scan the surveys and send to the committee.

Plan review:

Page numbers will change.

Submit without the 2020 Census data and do an addendum in the future.

Discussion of Capital Improvement list. Include the verbiage as it was on the survey and update the list.

Will put the finishing touches on the improvements schedule with the survey results.

Very important to get this finished plan together at the next meeting so the Board can get it on their agenda for their February meeting.

New Business: None

Next regular meeting: January 11, 2020.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary