Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Regular Meeting
July 11, 2022

Call to order 7:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Butler, Cosgrove, Melton
Absent: Hubbell
One unfilled seat
Set / Approve Agenda: Set
Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None
Public Comment:
Approval of minutes:
Motion by Butler, second by Cosgrove to approve June 13, 2022, meeting minutes as amended.
Discussion regarding packets, agenda and minutes on the website.
Butler rescinds the motion and Cosgrove rescinds the second.
Bring the minutes back to the next meeting with the added reference links.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: Discussion regarding adult league play at the ball park. Youth softball league presented the township with a $650 for the advertising banners. It more than covers the cost of the lights used for night play.

Unfinished Business:
1. Hi Pray Park dug-outs: Discussion regarding the drawings, sealed drawing was received today and will be uploaded to Grand Traverse County using the same permit. Bartosik will be able to work on the dugouts as soon the county approval comes through.

2. Park Playground: Another inspection has been done. Passed inspection, approved to be open for use. Made a couple recommendations (in the board packet) regarding sign placements, "playground equipment may be hot", want a shade area developed and cleanup of the landing zone sand, removing sticks, rocks and weeds.
Discussion ensued regarding ADA playground equipment, landing zone material and overall ADA access.
The 2019 Hi Pray playground inspection was vague.
The intent was to get the playground equipment taken care of this year but the funds, approximately $8,000, were not approved during budget. The Board has voted to close the playground.

3. BCNA & Lossie Trail tree removal: Steve Largent of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy was going to be providing the contract to the Supervisor.

4. Lossie Trail wetland, bridge improvements: Would like to work with Steve Largent about getting an update, possibly an estimate on what it would take to address the wetland area. Melton will contact Largent and remind him.

5. Hi Pray Park playground
MOTION by Cosgrove second by Butler to request the township board hire a Michigan licensed inspector to get the Hi Pray Park playground inspection.
Butler-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Melton-yes; Hubbell-n/a. Motion carried.

6. Lossie/BCNA trail signage: Should we wait until the cleanup is done just in case the trail moves like it did last time. Signage would be for mileage markers, kiosk information and trail signs.

New Business:

1. Grants: DNR grant cycle does not coincide well with the township budget. Goss mentioned the new SPARKS grant and will send the link information to Melton.

Make sure the PRAC gets the approval of the Board before putting months' worth of work in on specific projects.

Discussion regarding grants, grant writer and which direction to go.

Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation project dashboard has most of the GT County townships listed but not Whitewater. Not sure why. Local funding is available through the Foundation. Melton would like to investigate getting our township on their listing and find out if there is anything we can get help with.

MOTION by Cosgrove, second by Melton, to request the township board review page 27 of the park recreation plan capital improvements schedule in relationship to page 40, the park and rec survey and please give us the top five projects for the committee to work on.

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

Next regular meeting: Monday, August 8, 2022

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean, Recording Secretary