

**Whitewater Township  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee  
Minutes for Regular Meeting  
February 20, 2024**

**Call to order 7:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call:** Melton, Voice, Buczkowski, Fran Butler

Absent: Cosgrove, Hubbell

Also present: Recording Secretary MacLean, Parks Manager Andrew Butler

**Set / Approve Agenda:**

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** None

**Public Comment:**

Begin: 7:04 p.m.

Heidi Vollmuth, 8388 Winnie Lane, Private citizen

End: 7:06 p.m.

**Approval of minutes:**

**MOTION** by Voice, second by Butler to approve January 24, 2024, meeting minutes.

On voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

**Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Lossie Road Nature Trail (LRNT) What rights does the township have? What rights do the property owners have? Non-motorized issue still needs to be addressed. Need legal documents to be presented to legal and Gosling Czubak.
2. Grand Traverse ARPA agreement update: Melton will reconnect with the Supervisor.
3. BCNA trail design, the loop trail design and cost analysis. Sustainability and low maintenance is a priority with GT Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC). A loop or a "lollipop loop" shape is preferred. The cost estimates are through SEEDS. The estimate includes funds for wetland delineation and a small boardwalk. There may be a wet spot area that would need a slightly raised boardwalk. To complete the New South Loop project via a "lollipop loop" would be \$60,977. To complete the loop via the Skegemog Point Road Right of Way (ROW) it is approximately \$147,000 because it would require a retaining wall the whole distance. To complete the loop via an easement with the property owner would be \$22,227. To reroute the existing path it would be \$14,135.00. Excellent work. Thank you, Gary!! Will get this in to the Board for the 2024/2025 budget. The township ARPA funds have not been specifically designated. Will need to look into how the ARPA funds can be used as far as using a non-profit (SEEDS) and / or needing a full on bidding process. Boardwalk = Richter and Woodcraft Present the different options to the Board. Present it all to them and give them the PRAC recommendation. All estimates include a 15% contingency.

**Recommendation:**

New South Loop at \$60,977 and

Re-route the existing path at \$14,135.00 and

The true loop crossing the private property at \$22,227.00

4. WWT park playground toddler equipment addition update. Brandon has not gotten any reply from the company. Will add 25% to last year's budget amount.

5. 2024 Budget: toddler playground equipment (Park fund); BCNA proposal as being recommended above - plus parking lot; LRNT is County ARPA funding; did not get a price back on covering the bleachers for Hi Pray Park; still need an estimate on the cutting, grinding and removal of shrub from around the ball field fence; full bleacher replacements including shipping \$10,000 X 4 = \$40,000 (high estimate).

Request Hi Pray walking trail seed money to investigate the feasibility of the path, \$5,000. The high level whole project guestimate ended up \$400,000 to nearly \$1 mil.

**New Business:**

1. Bylaws changes will be updated by Melton who will bring them back for approval at the March meeting.

**Committee Comment and Discussion:** None

**Next regular meeting:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjournment at 9:35 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois MacLean  
Recording Secretary