

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Regular Meeting
April 16, 2024**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Hubbell

Also present: Recording Secretary MacLean

Set / Approve Agenda: Add correspondence item

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

MOTION by Butler, second by Buczkowski to approve March 19, 2024, meeting minutes as amended.

On voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Andrew Butler resignation received today, April 16, 2024, with a final date of April 19, 2024.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bylaw revisions on hold pending liaison request.

2. PRAC liaison request draft memo: The memo to the board was to have the Parks Manager be the liaison. There does need to be a conduit between this committee and the board. PRAC did have better communication when the Clerk, as the park administrator also, provided excellent communication.

Consensus to send the amended memo to the board.

3. Whitewater Township Park (WTP) toddler equipment engineering layout drawing review/comments: Buczkowski presented a concept layout keeping age appropriate equipment separated somewhat. Include a split rail fence between the two sections. The parks manager was planning to make split rail fence improvements this year. Possibly include an accessible path leading into the 2-5 year old section.

Accessibility for future compliance and pathway materials discussed, possible gravel with quarter chip.

Discussion of future ADA compliance and the financial burden.

ADA compliance may be better suited for the Hi Pray Park.

Landing zone material needs to be addressed at both parks.

Discussion of grant funding.

Kevin of GoslingCzubak provided a layout based on the information given. Gary can present the concept drawing to him to possibly revise and see if we can add a slide and the spring toys in the future.

4. Lossie Road, LRNT motorized vehicle access memo to board. Lossie Road was not abandoned it was relinquished to the township. They have two very different meanings and consequences.

The ARPA funding of the LRNT project needs to have this resolved to move forward.

Response – All trails in Whitewater Township have been non-motorized. Why is this a question?

Present a recommendation or look for a legal opinion based on the land acquisition documents.

Present the memo and the entire packet information with the discussed changes to the board indicating that the PRAC recommends scenario 4 which includes three barriers. Amend the documentation to include verbiage specifically noting the Gosling Czubak purchase order to address the wet areas with a boardwalk and the bridge. The boardwalk and bridge are planned to NOT be for vehicle access, possibly ATV emergency access if funding allows. Request that the board review and have a vote at or before the board's June meeting.

Response – Emergency access is a must.

New Business:

1. Written 12 month goals – postpone to May meeting

Committee Comment and Discussion: None

Next regular meeting: May 21, 2024, 2024/2025 approved budget and 12 month goals

Public Comment: None

Adjournment at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary