

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Regular Meeting
June 18, 2024**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Melton, Buczkowski, Cosgrove

Absent: Butler, Hubbell, Voice

Also present: Recording Secretary MacLean

Set / Approve Agenda: Postpone UB #4 to next month; ARPA report will be part of NB #1. Consensus.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

MOTION by Buczkowski, second by Melton to approve May 21, 2024, meeting minutes.

On voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: Project links have been getting updated regularly.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bylaw revisions on hold pending liaison request. The liaison request did not make it on the Board agenda.
2. Whitewater Township Park (WTP) toddler equipment engineering layout drawing final review. A 2% grant was presented to The Tribe for approval. Grants will be announced in mid-July. Main structure with a sunshade was initially quoted. The second quote was with a roof. Sunshades can be a problem with a snow load. A sunshade would need to be removed at the end of the park season. Hoping for getting the whole proposal, including equipment, engineered layout, installation, etc., to the Board in July, for sure, August.
3. Lossie Road, LRNT motorized vehicle access memo to board, was not included on the Township Board June agenda. Melton will resend and reiterate the request for it to be on the July meeting agenda. The property owner reached out to Melton for communication about the LRNT and options.
4. Written 12 month goals / timelines – finish. Postpone for a full PRAC.

New Business:

1. LRNT improvement project Gosling engineering. The engineer's understanding is that the parking lot does not need to be ADA if the trail has no ADA access. Map presented with wetland indicated. The estimate is \$266,000 plus \$50,000 for the bridge. These cost amounts are based on what Gosling Czubak (GC) sees and has encountered recently. When the PRAC pulled together the amounts that would be needed it was based on the amounts presented by the Conservation District and working with SEEDS. When we go to bid it out, we may get a much better deal through the Conservation District and the other non-profits. The Conservation District is experienced and may have significantly less over-sight fees, equipment costs, etc. Kevin of GC is interested in connecting with the Conservation District to get a better/more exact estimate, specifically the bridge. We may be able to do the bridge as a second phase. Discussion of the Land Conservancy, the Conservation District and SEEDS bringing options together. Those entities can be part of the bidding process. Will have to have the Conservancy or Conservation District part of it in order to make it more realistically priced. Example: the bridge is on here as a \$50,000 item but we got an estimate from the conservancy for \$8,000. There are

likely other expenses that would be impacted.

Discussion ensued on making cuts and where things can be saved.

Discussion ensued regarding defining the package and breaking down the detail of what GC has provided.

Discussion ensued regarding ADA requirements for ARPA (Federal) funding.

Committee Comment and Discussion: None

Next regular meeting: July 16, 2024

Public Comment: None

Adjournment at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary