

HOPE TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMISSION

Woodside Park – Hope

6066 Middle Road

Hope, MI 48628

April 6, 2010

PRESENT: Jim Hockemeyer, Karen Davis, Starla Jordan & Larry Maxwell

ALSO PRESENT: Andy Kobisa, Joanne Wilkie, Terry Chrivia and Don Dice

ABSENT: None

. Jim Hockemeyer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

. RESIGNATION: Larry Maxwell made a Motion to accept the resignation of Lori Childs. Starla Jordan seconded. Motion carried.

. Terry Chrivia was present at the meeting to let it be known he was interested in filling the vacancy left by Lori Childs. Starla Jordan made a Motion to accept Terry Chrivia to the Park Commission and Larry Maxwell seconded that Motion. Motion carried. The Park Commission's recommendation to the seat will be presented at the next Township Board meeting on April 13, 2010, for approval.

. OFFICERS: Was discussed and decided the officers will be elected at the first meeting of each year versus the fiscal year so said officers will be in place for the entire year. Larry Maxwell made a Motion to elect officers at the first meeting of each year and Jim Hockemeyer seconded. Motion carried.

. ELECTION:

. Karen Davis nominated Jim Hockemeyer to the position of Chairperson and Starla Jordan seconded that nomination. Vote taken – all yes.

. Jim Hockemeyer nominated Larry Maxwell to the position of Vice Chairperson and Starla Jordan seconded. Vote taken – all yes.

. Larry Maxwell nominated Karen Davis to the position of Secretary and Jim Hockemeyer seconded. Vote taken – all yes.

. Treasurer position was filled at the March 9 meeting by Starla Jordan.

SECRETARY REPORT:

. Minutes were presented to each member and read. Motion to accept the Minutes as

written was made by Jim Hockemeyer and seconded by Larry Maxwell. Motion carried.

#### TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasurer's report was given and bills presented. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Larry Maxwell and seconded by Karen Davis. Motion carried.

Starla Jordan has already begun a detailed financial report to balance with the Township Board's financial report. A lot of digging, but coming together nicely. She will do this automatically from this date forward. Also, a vote was taken as whether to pay the Park Commission monthly or quarterly. The Park Commission members voted to keep it quarterly and save on writing more checks monthly.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**WATER ON TRACK:** Jim Hockemeyer mentioned probably would have to dig out and put stone in for drainage where it runs across the track.

**CONCRETE CONNECTING PARK WALKING TRACK:** Jim Hockemeyer stated it will probably cost in excess of \$200.00 for the cement. However, it is too cold to try to put down cement right now so will have to wait for a little warmer weather. In the meantime, Jim will get approval from the Township Board at the April 13, 2010, meeting so we have approval in place for when the work can be done.

Don Dice reported he has replaced the stool in the men's bathroom. Don also reported he has fixed the one light on Pavillion B. Pavillion A has yet to be fixed. Was suggested perhaps the lights could be raised about 8 feet in the air so as to make it harder for vandals to break. Yet to be decided how to remedy this problem.

Was discussed when exactly should Don Dice open the park gate for the summer season. Larry Maxwell made a Motion to open park on April 1 weather permitting. Jim Hockemeyer seconded. Motion carried. Starla Jordan suggested the calendar for reservations be posted a month at a time. Karen Davis to drop these off at Don Dice's home each time a new reservation has been made for that month for him to post.

Starla Jordan called Consumers Energy about their light not working in the park. Consumers Energy was out and told her it was fixed. However, when she went by, it was not working. Her husband being a little agitated, kicked the pole and it came back on. Andy Kobisa to check on his way home to see if it is still lit before she contacts Consumers Energy again.

#### PARK MAINTENANCE:

Starla Jordan asked about painting the bleachers. Jim Hockemeyer suggested we look over all the seating before coming to any decision. Was mentioned by Joanne Wilkie there was a toy that was broken, too. Jim Hockemeyer and Don Dice to look into this and report back at the next meeting.

. Was mentioned perhaps painting, sanding, etc., could possibly be done by young people who have to serve time through community service. Jim Hockemeyer mentioned we would have to be careful who we got. Joanne Wilkie said you have to report to the courts exactly what needs to be done and then they send the appropriate people.

. VOLLEYBALL COURT: Jim Hockemeyer mentioned if the volleyball court was to be used, it would need to be built up with more sand. Jim felt it would take approximately 20 to 30 yards. Jim will check with Jim Beck and Coggins Excavating to see how much it will cost.

. BRINE: Jim Hockemeyer talked to the County Road Commission about getting brine for the park driveway. Jim thought it was \$140.00 a mile for brine. Jim will check with Sam. Jim wasn't sure if the driveway needed to be graded out some first. Jim will investigate and report back at the next meeting.

. Was mentioned that the park could use some benches along the track. Karen Davis to send out final thank you notes to the Midland Foundations with pictures to show what their grant money did for our community. Then, Karen is going to see if we can get some grant money to purchase some of these things for our park.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

. The Fire Department asked if they could store some equipment in the old service building. Larry Maxwell made a Motion to let the Fire Department utilize the old service building with some of their equipment and Starla Jordan seconded. Motion carried.

. Was mentioned the park needs a covering for the top of the fence at the ball fields. Jim Hockemeyer to get prices and report back at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. was made by Larry Maxwell and seconded by Jim Hockemeyer. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Davis,  
Woodside Park Secretary