

HOPE TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMISSION
Woodside Park – Hope
6066 Middle Road
Hope, MI 48628

September 7, 2010

PRESENT: Jim Hockemeyer, Terry Chrivia, Larry Maxwell, Starla Jordan &
Karen Davis
ALSO PRESENT: Don Dice & JoAnn Wilkie
ABSENT: None

Jim Hockemeyer called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. with a pledge to the flag.

SECRETARY REPORT:

. Minutes were presented to each member and read. Motion to accept the Minutes as written was made by Starla Jordan and seconded by Larry Maxwell. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

. Treasurer's report was given. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Terry Chrivia and seconded by Jim Hockemeyer. Motion carried. Motion to pay all bills was made by Larry Maxwell and seconded by Starla Jordan.
Roll Call – Terry-Yes, Jim-Yes, Larry-Yes, Starla-Yes, Karen-Yes – Motion carried.

DONATION:

. A donation of \$25.00 was given by Mrs. Dorothy Ogden for the use of Pavillion A. Thank you, Mrs. Ogden, for your generosity.

OLD BUSINESS:

. STRING TRIMMER: As the cost of a new string trimmer at \$360.00 was for a very cheap model, Jim Hockemeyer decided to order the part needed for the trimmer the park has and go with that one.

. CONCRETE CONNECTING THE WALKING PATH: Will discuss at the October meeting.

. UPGRADING PARK INFORMATION ON WEB SITE: As of the September meeting, no one has seen any pictures yet.

. SIGNS FOR LEASH LAWS FOR PARK: Larry Maxwell is still working on this and will report at the October meeting. JoAnn Wilkie mentioned there were some dogs at the Labor Day track walk that were not on a leash which could pose a very big problem for the park.

. DISTANCE SIGNS FOR WALKING TRACK: Terry Chrivia has made these and they are in place with one more sign to be made. Thank you, Terry, for again saving the park money.

. PA SYSTEM FOR PARK PICNIC: This has been taken care of for next year by Gene Smith and/or Floyd Andrick offering to set up their system. Thank you fellows for offering your services for next year.

. SECURITY SYSTEM: On hold until we can obtain more grant money. As a security system hasn't seemed to stop the vandalism at Larkin Township Park, it is questionable as to how well spent the grant money would be for a security system at Woodside Park.

. BREAK-IN: Andy Kobisa has installed bolts in the roll-up door at the small storage building.

. NEW BUSINESS:

. VANDALISM: Don Dice was able to repair the men's urinal and also will purchase a new mirror for the women's bathroom that was broken.

. REWARD: Jim Hockemeyer suggested we offer a \$200.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator/perpetrators doing all this damage to our township park. A Motion was made by Starla Jordan and seconded by Jim Hockemeyer to offer such reward.

. PARK CLOSURE: Again as last year, will depend on the weather when park will be closed for the winter.

. TOT LOT: Starla Jordan to look into this and see if she can get a company to give her a price over the phone for equipment for little children and also be handicap accessible.

. LABOR DAY TRACK WALK: JoAnn Wilkie reported between 50-60 people came to participate in the track walk. Nice turnout for the first Labor Day track walk. As this, I believe, is going to be an annual event, according to JoAnn, then she hopes to see even more out next year. Donuts, coffee and water were available for all who came with balloons available for all the kids. Nice suggestion and job, JoAnn!

NOTE OF INTEREST: For all who read these Minutes on the web in the Township, please note that if not for Jim Hockemeyer, Terry Chrivia, Don and Diane Dice and Larry Maxwell who donate all their hours of work, their time, and in a lot of cases, even their own pocket money, it would cost you tax payers a lot more money to maintain the park to keep it repaired and as beautiful as it is. Don and Diane Dice put countless hours into maintaining, mowing, trimming and a lot of repairs that are just done without even being asked if they could take care of any issue that comes up. Jim Hockemeyer has also put in countless hours over the years in repairing, building, and maintaining of the park. Jim Hockemeyer and Don & Diane Dice have always gone WAY BEYOND what most other people would want to be compensated for or it wouldn't get done. FOR THIS, RECOGNITION IS WAY OVERDO!!!!

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Hockemeyer and seconded by Starla Jordan at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Davis
Woodside Park Secretary