

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

March 6, 2012

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

Jim Hockemeyer called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 Larry Maxwell and seconded by Starla Jordan. 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 the Consumer Energy bill was made by Jim Hockemeyer and seconded by Terry Chrivia. Roll Call- Jim-Yes, Terry-Yes, Larry-Yes, Starla-Yes, Karen-Yes - Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

GRANTS: Starla Jordan reported the grant committee has submitted one grant request and is working on getting another grant request ready to submit. The grants they are requesting and hoping to receive will be used for barrier-free playground equipment.

Karen Davis reported she is working on getting grants for fitness/exercise equipment. This should further enhance the use of the walking track.

SIGNS: A "NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON PARK PROPERTY" sign is needed. Also, Jim Hockemeyer is going to check with the Hope Township Board to see if we should have a sign that reads, "OPEN TO THE PUBLIC".

PARK OPENING: Don Dice will decide on the opening date depending on when the driveway dries out.

WATER TEST: Andy Kobisa normally takes care of this. Jim Hockemeyer will check with Andy at the Township Board Meeting.

INSPECTION: Larry Maxwell to inspect all the playground equipment, picnic tables, benches and anything else that needs inspecting. Jim Hockemeyer will check into getting a new coil spring for one of the riding pieces, if possible.

YARD EQUIPMENT: Don Dice and Jim Hockemeyer will be doing the oil changes, greasing, etc., on all the equipment getting ready for the 2012 mowing season.

BRINING: Jim Hockemeyer to check on this and is also going to see if we can get more than just the one brining this summer.

PICNIC TABLES: Larry Maxwell indicated that he would look into getting regular and handicap tables. He will report on this at our next park meeting April 3, 2012.

BENCHES: Was decided to put two more benches around the walking track. Terry Chrivia volunteered to build these.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A Motion to elect Jim Hockemeyer for CHAIRPERSON was made by Karen Davis and seconded by Larry Maxwell. Motion carried.

A Motion to elect Terry Chrivia for VICE CHAIRPERSON was made by Larry Maxwell and seconded by Jim Hockemeyer. Motion carried.

A Motion to elect Starla Jordan for TREASURER was made by Terry Chrivia and seconded by Larry Maxwell. Motion carried.

A Motion to elect Karen Davis for SECRETARY was made by Jim Hockemeyer and seconded by Terry Chrivia. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Larry Maxwell mentioned someone had driven off Shearer Road into the park. Jim Hockemeyer asked we keep an eye on this and if continues, he suggested we put some railroad ties down to, hopefully, stop this from happening.

PARK GATE KEY FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT: Jim Hockemeyer has given John Reisig a key for access if needed during the time the park is closed.

UNLEASHED DOGS: Jim Hockemeyer mentioned if you see anyone with a dog that isn't on his leash to remind him of the Leash Law. If this person or persons continue to ignore the Leash Law, then get a name and/or license plate number, if possible, and turn it into Tom Clark.

AIR COMPRESSOR: Jim Hockemeyer asked Don Dice if he felt the park needed to have one and Don confirmed he thought it would be very useful for helping to keep the equipment cleaner. Jim to check with the Hope Township Board at the meeting and Terry Chrivia will doing the shopping and buy one.

CONCESSION STAND: Jim Hockemeyer will wait another month and then will start getting bids for putting a new roof on.

MOVING OF TABLES: It has been reported that people are moving the picnic tables around so they can drive into the pavilions. Jim Hockemeyer mentioned putting railroad ties down to hinder this from happening even if it only stops a few. Motion to adjourn was made by Terry Chrivia and seconded by Larry Maxwell at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davis
Woodside Park Secretary