

**HOPE TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMISSION**

Woodside Park - Hope  
6066 Middle Road  
Hope, MI 48628

**March 1, 2011**

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 6:58 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 Terry Chrivia. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

· Treasurer's report was given. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Larry Maxwell and seconded by Terry Chrivia. Motion carried. Motion to pay all bills was made by Jim Hockemeyer and seconded by Terry Chrivia.

Roll Call - Terry- Yes, Jim-Yes, Larry-Yes, Starla- Yes, Karen-Yes - Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

· Larry Maxwell brought the signs for the park. Two are the "all dogs must be on a leash as per leash law" and the other two are the "reward signs", i.e., reward for anyone with information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person/persons vandalizing the park.

· We now have new pictures on the web site.

· Don Dice stated the park will be open for the season as soon as the ground is dry enough to sustain the weight of the cars.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

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

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

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

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

#### PARK MAINTENANCE:

· A Motion to have Don Dice for PARK MAINTENANCE for the year 2011 was made by Terry Chrivia and seconded by Larry Maxwell. Motion carried. He and wife, Diane, are a great asset to the Township in keeping our park beautiful and well maintained all summer long. We, again, welcome you back and thank you for your hard work in keeping the park so well maintained.

· A Motion was made to raise Don's pay from \$800.00 a month to \$850.00 per month by Jim Hockemeyer and seconded by Larry Maxwell. Motion carried.

· Don Dice asked about continuing to fix the pavilion lights every time they are broken. Jim Hockemeyer felt it was a waste of money to continue fixing them in light of the fact the vandals smash them as soon as they are fixed. Jim Hockemeyer asked Larry Maxwell if he would call Consumers Energy and ask them if they could take the pole that is by the entrance to the park and reset it down by the flag pole and install a light on the pole so it would be just like a regular street light. Larry Maxwell will get an estimate on the cost if Consumers Energy will agree to the removal and resetting of the pole.

#### PARK PICNIC:

· The park picnic is set for July 23, 2011. More on that as the date draws closer.

#### GRANTS:

· JoAnn Wilkie mentioned to Starla Jordan to contact the DNRE for information to apply for a grant from them. Starla did contact them, received information from them, has talked to them and found to get a grant from them is very, very involved. In talking to the gal from DNRE, she was told she probably would not be able to get everything done that is required to make the April 1 deadline. Starla is now looking to apply for grants from our local foundations. Starla will be selecting the handicap accessible playground equipment first, getting an estimate of approximately how many handicap children we have in our township and possibly surrounding townships to have a strong argument as to why we would like this playground equipment for our park, and getting price quotes from the supplier before she can start to write for grants.

Motion to adjourn was made by Larry Maxwell and seconded by Terry Chrivia at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Davis  
Woodside Park Secretary