

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

April 1, 2014

PRESENT: Jim Hockemeyer, Starla Jordan, Terry Chrivia and Casey Johnson

ALSO PRESENT: Andy Kobisa, Jody Jordan

ABSENT: David Yahr

Jim Hockemeyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a pledge to the flag.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Minutes were presented to each member and read. A Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Terry Chrivia and seconded by Starla Jordan. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was given to each member. 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 Jim Hockemeyer and seconded by Casey Johnson. Roll Call: Starla-Yes, Casey-Yes, Jim-Yes, Terry-Yes. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

OPENING OF THE PARK:

The park grounds is still soft and will be opened once it hardens. Snow was still present in Pavilion B, boys bathroom door is jammed, and cracks in the concession stand floor were present.

GRANTS:

Casey has emailed Dan McRoberts regarding Sanford Youth League (SYL) and any grants that might have been requested. At this time, no grants have been applied for by the SYL. Casey checked into the Midland Foundation and inquired about a grant to help with purchasing and installing outfield fences. The contact at the Midland Foundation informed Casey that the SYL already requested a grant for Safety Fencing and that another request for any type of fence would most likely be denied by the board. Dan McRoberts clarified that the safety fencing was for the fields at the Sanford Park. Casey is still looking into other grants but most of the deadlines and grant distributions have passed for this year.

PAVILION A AND CONCESSION STAND:

No word on the Kiwanis Club helping with painting Pavilion A/Concession Stand. We will look into getting these painted by July 1st.

PAVILION B:

The picnic tables still need to be refinished. Looking for updates from David Yahr.

SANFORD YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE:

The fields will only be used for practice this year. Outfield fences are needed prior to any other type of activity.

PARKING PRIOR TO PARK OPEN:

Bob and Jim will make room so nobody will have to park on the road.

INSTALLING THE LIFE TRAIL STATION:

The ground is still too soft. Once the ground hardens, Jim and Bob will work on getting this completed. We want this up and operations prior to park opening.

CITY WATER INTO PARK:

City water will be funded by the Township General Fund. We are working with Andy to straighten out the details.

LIGHT ABOVE BATHROOM DOORS:

Jim will install a new light prior to park opening.

BROKEN JUMP TOY:

This toy needs to be removed. Jim and Terry will work on this.

LARRY MAXWELL PLAQUE:

David working on this.

WOODSIDE PARK SIGN:

Boys Scouts helping in Spring.

NEW OUTSIDE FAUCET:

Jim is looking into the spring loaded faucets like they have at state parks. Two possible new locations will be close to Pavilion B and Concession Stand.

TURNING ON THE WATER:

Jim and Bob will determine date. Jim will look into changing all valves in the restrooms.

WATER SAMPLES:

Andy will pull sample for the Health Department.

PREPARING LAWN EQUIPMENT FOR 2014:

Jim picked up oil and filters, moving forward with maintenance.

CHECK ALL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT:

Casey and David conducted a walkthrough of the park. The following are things that they found:

- Brush along Middle Road needs to be cleaned up
- Touch up paint on all three teeter totters
- Picnic table in Pavilion A needs to be removed (bad shape)
- Tough up green paint on dirt digger toy by Pavilion A
- Paint all benches

- Need a new net on the basketball hoop
- The dirt digger toy by Pavilion B is broken
- Trip hazards around sand pit by Pavilion B (railroad ties are uneven)
- Zebra toy needs to be removed
- Reservation card holder on Pavilion B needs replaced
- Random bee's nests
- Pole with lock and chain by pole barn can be removed?
- Volleyball net needs replaced
- Horse shoe pits by pole barn needs attention and two stakes are missing
- Bench on South East track is uneven
- Signs on South track need to be aligned
- Nails sticking out of railroad ties around the water pump (flagpole area)

MOVING OF DUMSTER:

Pending solid ground

INSTALL LIGHTS IN PAVILIAN A FOR TRUNK OR TREAT:

We are looking into portable lights. Casey and Andy will work on this.

CLEANING CONCESSION BUILDING:

Most will go into the dumpster. Bob and Jim will schedule this cleanup. Jim will get with the fire department on fireproof area for fuel cans.

OPENING OF PARK:

Jim and Bob will decide when to open the gate off Middle Road. This will depend on weather. They will also decide when to turn on the water.

REPLACEMENT OF BAD RAILROAD TIES:

Found some for \$5 apiece. Need to find a viable solution due to old ties rotting.

PARK PICNIC JULY 19th:

Starla is looking into getting Louie Lon, possibly the Camel. Looking for more ideas. Starla also working on flyers and possibly a putt putt golf setup.

DONATIONS FOR PARK PICNIC:

Andy is working on this.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Bob and Jim got a price on a tire swing. Industrial strength prices are \$286.68. We are looking into purchasing one if the budget allows.

Motion to adjourn was made by Terry Chrivia and seconded by Starla Jordan at 8:01 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Johnson
Woodside Park Secretary