

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

May 6, 2014

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

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Pyle

ABSENT:

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 Starla Jordan and seconded by David Yahr. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was given to each member. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Casey Johnson and seconded by David Yahr. Motion carried. Motion to pay all bills was made by Jim Hockemeyer and seconded by Starla Jordan. Roll Call: Starla-Yes, Casey-Yes, Jim-Yes, Terry-Yes, David-Yes. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

OPENING OF THE PARK:

The concession building had a broken water line which caused the park to shut down for three days. We also had septic tank issues. Jim and Bob were on hand to get the septic tank pumped out. Special thanks to Bob for going above and beyond in repairing the crushed septic line between the tank and the field.

Andy Kobisa was able to collect water samples as needed.

GRANTS:

Due to being denied a grant from the Midland Foundation for the baseball fields, we are shifting focus to a new zero turn mower. The current setup we have takes Bob 16 hours to mow the park grass. Bob also uses his own zero turn mower to give the park the professional appeal as the current setup does not do a good job.

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:

Jim purchased materials to construct a handicap picnic table and then built one. The table looks great. Jim will get an estimate for building all new tables for Pavilion B for next month's meeting.

INSTALLING THE LIFE TRAIL STATION:

Bob Kelly, Bob Pyle and Jim installed the station. It took them five hours to install. Need to go back and paint the bolt heads.

CITY WATER INTO PARK:

Andy is working on the details.

LIGHT ABOVE BATHROOM DOORS:

Jim fixed this.

BROKEN JUMP TOY:

Jim fixed this as well.

LARRY MAXWELL PLAQUE:

David is working on this.

WOODSIDE PARK SIGN:

Boys Scouts helping in Spring. We are waiting on nicer weather.

NEW OUTSIDE FAUCET:

We are now looking at placing only one outside faucet by the concession building. We will eliminate all others.

PREPARING LAWN EQUIPMENT FOR 2014:

The mower is ready to mow grass. Jim and Bob completed all pre season 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 – Bob will work on this
- Touch up paint on all three teeter totters – Casey will work on this
- Picnic table in Pavilion A needs to be removed (bad shape) - Completed
- Touch up green paint on dirt digger toy by Pavilion A – Casey will work on this
- Paint all benches – David will coordinate with the Boy Scouts.
- Need a new net on the basketball hoop – Jim installed a new net.
- The dirt digger toy by Pavilion B is broken – Jim welded the toy back together.
- Trip hazards around sand pit by Pavilion B (railroad ties are uneven) – Jim fixed
- Zebra toy needs to be removed – Jim fixed
- Reservation card holder on Pavilion B needs replaced – Bob fixed this
- Random bee's nests – We all will keep an eye out throughout the season.
- Pole with lock and chain by pole barn can be removed? – Used for a trash can
- Volleyball net needs replaced – Jim installed a new net.
- Horse shoe pits by pole barn needs attention and two stakes are missing – We are looking at removing these as they are never used. We will keep the main pits on the North side however, those are not used much neither.
- Bench on South East track is uneven - Fixed
- Signs on South track need to be aligned - Fixed
- Nails sticking out of railroad ties around the water pump (flagpole area) - Fixed

MOVING OF DUMSTER:

Bob and Jim fixed this.

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:

No update

REPLACEMENT OF BAD RAILROAD TIES:

Keep looking for ties or another reasonable solution. Suggestion was made for steel poles filled with cement and painted yellow. We will discuss this again next meeting.

PARK PICNIC JULY 19th:

Starla is looking into getting Louie Lon, possibly the Camel. We are looking for more ideas.

Starla is also working on flyers and possibly a putt putt golf setup.

DONATIONS FOR PARK PICNIC:

Andy has received \$600 thus far.

FLAGPOLE LIGHT:

Jim installed a new light and the park commission removed the old.

TIRE SWING:

Jim found an industrial strength tire swing for \$260 plus shipping. Jim made a motion to buy this swing and Starla seconded. Roll Call= Jim-Yes, Starla-Yes, Terry-Yes, David-Yes, Casey-Yes. Motion approved to purchase a new tire swing.

GRAVEL FOR DRIVEWAY BETWEEN WALKING PATH AND PAVILION A:

On hold for a month.

MULCH FOR PLAYGROUND AND PARK SIGN:

David will need to schedule this.

CRACKS IN WALKING PATH:

Will get opinions from a professional on what is needed to fix these.

Motion to adjourn was made by Terry Chrivia and seconded by Starla Jordan at 8:10 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Johnson
Woodside Park Secretary