

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

November 4, 2014

PRESENT: Terry Chrivia, Jim Hockemeyer, David Yahr and Starla Jordan
ALSO PRESENT: Andy Kobisa and Bob Pyle
ABSENT:

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

- Motion made by Terry Chrivia to appoint David Yahr as the new Park Secretary. Motion seconded by Starla Jordan. Motion carried.

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 David Yahr and seconded by Jim Hockemeyer. Motion carried. Motion to pay all bills was made by Jim Hockemeyer and seconded by David Yahr. Roll Call: Starla-Yes, David-Yes, Jim-Yes, Terry-Yes. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

Resignation of Park Member:

- Park member Casey Johnson submitted his resignation. Position will be placed on the township website and new candidate will be voted on at the March 2015 meeting.

Plumbing Leak:

- Pipe in wall between bathrooms is leaking. Bids will be taken to fix this and other plumbing issues in the spring before park opens in 2015.

Portable Sign:

- Township board recommended buying another marquee sign so the park and fire hall could both have one. It was proposed that the park pay \$100 for the new sign. Motion made by David Yahr and seconded by Starla Jordan to pay the \$100 for the new sign. Motion carried.

Action Items for 2015:

- Actions to be carried over to spring 2015 are
 - Paint Pavilion A.
 - T-111 siding
 - Refinish picnic tables
 - Appoint new commission member
 - Plumbing

Grants:

- Starla Jordon will be submitting a grant for handicap parking next to pavilions A and B and will be looking for bids to go along with the grant.
- Looking for a grant to resurface/repair the walking track to fix the cracks.

Possible tree blind on Park property:

- Jim Hockemeyer reported a deer blind and feeding area near the walking trail and the property to the north. Andy Kobisa stated he will get a copy of the latest survey to verify property lines for the park.

Wage for Groundkeeper:

- Discussion was conducted on raising the wage for the groundkeeper. Current wage has been in place for several years. Andy Kobisa suggested raising the wage to \$1000 with \$400 set aside each month if extra help is required. The \$400 would only be used if the groundkeeper needed extra help during the month. Motion made by David Yahr to raise the wage to \$1000 along with the \$400 for extra help, seconded by Starla Johnson. Motion carried.

Bonus for Groundkeeper:

- Discussion on giving the groundskeeper a \$400 bonus for the year. It had been a practice in the past to give the groundskeeper a bonus at the end of the year for the hard work in keeping up the park. Motion made by David Yahr to give the groundkeeper a \$400 bonus, seconded by Jim Hockemeyer. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Hockemeyer and seconded by Starla Jordan at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

David Yahr
Woodside Park Secretary