

HOPE TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION

Woodside Park – Hope  
6066 Middle Road  
Hope, MI 48628

August 1, 2017

**PRESENT:** David Yahr, Cathie Kisser, Starla Jordan and Doug Shoffner

**ALSO PRESENT:** Steve Wesche, Jim Wieske

**ABSENT:** Jared Russell

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

Meeting held last week of June due to Independence Day on first Tuesday.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer's report was given to each member. There was a discussion to pay Lowes's bill which is late. Motion made by Doug Shoffner to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Cathie Kisser. Motion carried. Motion to pay all bills was made by Starla Jordan and seconded by Doug Shoffner. Roll Call: Starla-Yes, David-Yes, Cathie-Yes, Doug-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Discussed repair of flagpole. Postponed until for later date.
- Work day for August 19 will consist of setting the poles along the sidewalk.
- Poles have been put in along sidewalk. Dough Shoffner brought out a transit to help keep the poles at the same height.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Thank-you notes were sent by Starla Jordan for picnic participants.
- Doug Shoffner questioned date of Annual Picnic for 2018. David Yahr reaffirmed it is always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of July.
- Commission needs to watch for any children causing problems playing while at picnic.
- Gifts being passed out at the annual picnic needs to be closely monitored so each child receives only one gift.
- Bathroom bids amount to \$57,383.56. Starla Jordan will start working on grants to cover costs. Not satisfied with how bids were compiled. Commission will be requesting new bids consisting of identical work.
- Chemical Bank will be out to the park on October 2<sup>nd</sup> for a workday.
- Consumers Energy missed a section of ground that needs to be filled in/fixed.

- A grant update was given by Starla Jordan.
  - LD Construction submitted a bid for \$57,383.56
  - Grant money came in from Herbert H. Dow and Grace A Down foundation for \$28,691.78. Rollin M. Gerstacker foundation gave \$5,000.00, Woodside Park put in \$4000.00 from budget and Hope Township board donated \$1000.00 for a total of \$38,691.78. Starla is writing more grants to cover the remaining balance of \$18,646.78.
  
- Caretakers report:
  - Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourn at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Shoffner  
Woodside Park Secretary