

Hope Township Park Commission Meeting  
09.03.2019

Meeting called to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 1900  
Commissioners present – David, Starla, Doug, Jared and Cathie  
Also present were our caretakers Steve & Jill.

There was no public for comment.

Review of last meeting minutes – Starla moved to accept, seconded by Jared – minutes approved.

Review of Treasurer's report – Cathie moved to accept, seconded by Jared – report filed.

Pay bills authorization – Starla moved to pay bills, seconded by Cathie  
Roll call – David – yes, Doug – yes, Starla – yes, Jared – yes, Cathie – yes  
Bills will be submitted for payment.

Old Business –

Grants – none

Credit card for just park purchases? Will ask the township board about this. This would alleviate the problem of members paying out of pocket and then waiting for reimbursement.

New Business –

New Lawnmower – Steve has been looking into this and actually *ran* to the barn to get the info he had on this. We find that the larger/older of the two Bad Boy mowers was purchased in 2014 and cost \$9000. The mower we have our sites on is an Exmark which we can purchase at Gene's Power Equipment in Coleman. This will be taking place probably early next year with more research done between now and then, such as do we trade the Bad Boy in or put it out for bid? The MSP for the Exmark we are looking at is \$14,700, however Gene's offers a \$3,000 discount so that would bring the price down to less than \$12,000. Steve will do more legwork (dealing) on this issue and let us know at our October meeting.

Gutters & downspouts for the restroom building – Starla will ask Jody to get us some prices and see who can do this. We want to prevent erosion around the building.

Paint the poles and wood on the grill cover – as this is pressure treated wood, suggest waiting until next year after it has dried some.

Work day – Saturday 09.21.2019 – starting at 0900.

Other Business –

Steve asked if he is entitled to a 3% raise as the rest of us have this year. Starla will ask. (of course he is entitled as he and Jill do a fabulous job)

We discussed the park picnic again – ideas floated were activities for the adults – like Bingo? A Band? Other kinds of games? We will continue to kick ideas around. We will also review Starla's notes post picnic.

Steve also says the weed whip died – good news it is under warranty so we should be able to get a new one.

Motion made by Doug to adjourn, seconded by Starla –  
Meeting adjourned at 1945.

Respectfully

Cathie Kisser, Secretary

