

Woodside Park Commission Meeting of Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Meeting held at the Hope Township hall as the park is not yet open.

Meeting called to order at 1908 as we had technical difficulties getting in contact with commissioner Darlene. Ended up having an open telephone line with her so she was able to participate in tonight's meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was carried out.

We had two members of the public present, Robb and Blake Webber (of disc golf fame) who will comment later. Also present was are caretaker Daniel Yahr.

Members present were Starla, David, Cathie, Darlene via phone and Doug was present long enough to comment on his wishes for election of officers and then was dismissed for a family matter.

We broke with regular order of business in order to have annual election of officers first off. Darlene made motion to keep officers the same, Seconded by David. Roll call - with Doug already stating that was what he wanted, Darlene - Yes, Starla - Yes, David - Yes and Cathie - Yes. Officers will remain -

Chairperson - David Yahr

Vice-Chair - Doug Shoffner

Treasurer - Starla Jordan

Secretary - Cathie Kisser

Trustee - Darlene Thompson

Review of last meeting minutes - Starla made motion to approve, seconded by Darlene. No opposed so minutes approved.

Review of treasurer's report - we reviewed the grants and how that money was spent as well as current money - not very much left of our budget funds to get us through June. Motion made by Cathie to accept, seconded by Darlene. Report filed.

Pay Bills Authorization - motion made by Darlene, seconded by Starla to pay bills. Roll call - Starla - yes, Darlene yes David - yes, Cathie - yes.

Old business none

New Business -

1) Township Parks and Places of Recreation Act 157 of 1905 - we were each given copies of this quite extensive and explicit document. We discussed this quite extensively and this will be discussed again at the township board meeting in one week.

One matter of note - unless there is something in the park commission bylaws (there is not) the caretaker position is not up for yearly consideration. In years past, the caretaker has kept the job until either resignation or termination. Daniel Yahr will continue as Woodside Park caretaker.

2) 5 year plan - we are in receipt of this document. While we can review it more in future and amend if necessary, we do need to get this approved. David made motion to approve as currently written, seconded by Cathie. This was approved with no opposition.

3) Opening the park - this year will be 18th of April - weather permitting.

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New Business -

4) Wood contract and disc golf - both Robb and Blake voiced concerns about the hold-up on this issue. After discussion on the Township Parks and Places of Recreation Act 157 of 1905 we will be in contact again with Billsby Lumbar to explore whether there is salvage to the former contract or what other options are available. It should be stressed this is NOT a clear cut, it is a highly selective cut/management of the current woods. Also, NO taxpayer money is involved. The moneys generated by this endeavor is for use to build the disc golf course and upkeep of the course in future.

5) Fire station question had been asked by Chief Brian S. whether it was possible to build a new fire station at the corner of Shearer Rd. and Middle Rd. on park property. This particular intersection is the geographical center of the township. Also, in the original plans for development of the park property, a fire station at the southwest corner of the park was an "in the future" consideration. With the suggestion that the fire department and the park commission agree to work together on this issue, the park commission with the exception of one commissioner, agrees to this endeavor with the park/fire station parking lot being paved and the gate moved to close to the walking track.

6) - Annual Picnic - Saturday, July 16th. This being the 30th anniversary of the dedication of Woodside Park, we discussed having select persons speak - the original chairperson of the first commission - Pat Holzhausen and the other surviving member of that commission - Jeanine Ouderkirk. These persons will be contacted. We will also be looking at entertainment with further details coming in future months.

7) - Projects - BENCHES - seems we have wood for same, just need some nice days to get them put together. Discussion was also held regarding offering opportunities to have public pay for said benches and have names written on them. We do intend to put names of previous commissioners and caretakers who were also veterans on these benches - Bob Pyle, Larry Maxwell, William Maxwell, Jimmy Weiske, Terry Crevia and others as they are discovered.

8) Opening Clean Up - pending weather, David will do his annual walk through and a date will be chosen to do this.

Other Business - none

Motion made by Cathie to adjourn, seconded by Starla, meeting adjourned at 2043

Respectfully,
Cathie Kissler, Secretary
Woodside Park Commission