

Meeting called to prier at 1900 at the Hope Township Hall with the pledge to the flat.

Roll Call - Darlene - here, Doug - here, Starla - here, Cathie - here and David - here

There was no public comment

Review of minutes for meeting of 01.02.2024 - with the exception of the use of the word "peeps" be changed to something more professional - Starla made motion to accept, seconded by Darlene - all were in favor.

Review of treasurers report - Darlene made motion to accept and file, seconded by Cathie with roll call as follows - Darlene - yes, Doug - yes, Starla - yes, Cathie - yes and David - yes

Authorization to pay bills - Darlene made motion to pay bills, seconded by Cathie with roll call as follows - Darlene - yes, Doug - yes, Starla - yes, Cathie - yes and David - yes

Old Business

Disc Golf update - baskets are being placed, still some concerns about crossing the walking path

Posts for around the off road parking - will check into this in the spring

Bleachers - the materials (boards) are in the pole barn. Painting will begin as soon as it is warm enough to do.

2024 Budget

At this time secretary Cathie Kisser presented some concerns - copy of which is included in these notes - which were discussed further by the commission.

Chairperson had pushed for 12 meetings per year. The township board had allowed us 10 meetings, our usual 8 plus two extras in case we needed a special meeting throughout the year. As the park is essentially closed from November through March it is felt by some we only need 9 meetings, March through November - that would be nine meetings and still leave us an extra for use as a special meeting.

A motion was made by Darlene, seconded by Cathie to have meetings from March through November with roll call as follows: Darlene - yes, Doug - yes, Starla - yes, Cathie - yes and David - yes.

Darlene and Cathie had listened to A.J. Wilkie's aunts and sister this past summer who expressed interest in having the car show at the Summer Fun Jamboree be named the A.J. Wilkie Memorial Car Show. Starla made motion to give the car show that name, seconded by Darlene and all were in favor.

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New Business

Propane - the tank is down to 15% - Starla will call for fill

Burn - there is a large tree down, it is near a brush pile that will need to be burned

Park Event Coordinator - we have some fliers for Thursday Farmer's Market and

The Rent A Spot, Sell What You Want sale. More fliers to follow

Starla expressed interest in having lighted Trees In The Park - something along the lines of what the park in Sanford does with memorial trees, mitten/glove trees, etc. We have all agreed this will be a great idea and have made the decision to begin this the week after Thanksgiving. This has been announced on the park facebook page and will be talked about as the year progresses.

There was no other business so Doug made motion to adjourn, seconded by Starla and meeting was adjourned at 1936.

Respectfully,

Cathie J. Kisser, Secretary

Woodside Park Commission

February 6, 2025

The Park Commission is comprised of five elected individuals who serve as guardians of Woodside Park, Hope Township. The park is an asset of Hope Township, Hope, Michigan.

It is the opinion of this commissioner that the township board allowed us two extra meetings per year so that if there was a need for a special meeting, we could hold an extra meeting and be paid for it. The chairperson took it upon himself to make those two meetings part of our regular monthly meetings. It makes more sense to use public meetings from March through November. The November meeting would be one of the extras as we would discuss Trunk & Treat and closing the restrooms for the winter, etc. As there is not much going on at the park during the winter months, there isn't much need to hold meetings from December through February. This was not discussed at all in our meetings, only proclaimed by the chairperson.

We have not agreed on a name for the Disc Golf course. At one point, Mr. Webber wanted to name it Raptors Roost. Most of us did not appreciate that name. As we sacrificed the woods to pay for aforementioned disc golf course, a more appropriate name would be Raptor Woods.

It seems useless to push for more budget dollars from the township board when - if the need arises - the board has been very supportive when extra dollars have been needed.

This is just one commissioner's opinion, however it seems our chairperson has been not communicative about decisions regarding the park.

Cathie Kisser