

Meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag at 1900

Roll call - Darlene - here, Doug - here, Starla - here, Cathie - here, David - here

Public comment - We have an offer from the gentlemen doing the pickle ball court to stone crete the driveway to help fill in some of the major holes. Offer is for \$3,000 . We will discuss this later.

Wendy suggested we have them re~~o~~do the volleyball posts to orient it the correct way,

Review of minutes from last meeting - motion made by Starla to accept, seconded by Darlene, all were in favor.

Review of treasurer's report - Cathie made motion to approve and file, seconded by David with roll call as follows - Darlene - yes, Doug - yes, Starla - yes, Cathie - yes and David - yes.

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

### **Old Business**

Disc Golf - David to contact the Webbers and ask if they are going to complete the course or we go to another plan. We will give them until March 12 to answer.

Pickle ball - it is under construction and the facebook feedback has been very positive

Posts - to replace the metal posts around the off road parking. This is tabled until more funds are available.

Bleachers - the boards are in the pole building and as the weather warms up the ladies will be painting these so they can be put back together and placed by the ball diamonds.

2024 Budget - we must be very careful with spending until next fiscal year begins.

### **New Business**

Track Distance Markers - it seems there once were markers on the track but the posts rotted away and they have not been replaced. Suggestion was made to use pain on the track itself - a win/win whereby posts would not rot and caretaker would not have to mow around them.

Doors to bathrooms and pole barn - need to get bids. Mr. Randall is going to give us a bid for fixing doors and changing locks. Will need more bids.

Ship - needs to be stained this spring. May want to check to see if we can use deck paint. Starla will made a phone call t the manufacturer and find out.

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Park Event Coordinator - Darlene reminds us the Farmer's Market will be starting the first Thursday in June. We have fliers for that, the Summer Fun Jamboree and we discussed a bit about the trees in the park beginning the week after Thanksgiving. We had a suggestion of a person who might have Christmas trees to sell. Thank you.

### **Other Business**

A person had asked to rent a pavilion on April 7, as that is before the park officially opens, it was asked if we could open the west side bathroom for this event. That was agreeable.

The secretary is now doing pavilion rentals and has run across difficulty in reaching a person who has not cashed a deposit check from last year. It is proposed that we hold deposit checks at the township hall and then ask the renter if they prefer return of their check, shredding of the check or donating the check to the park. Since this is a policy change, we need a motion to do this and Starla made motion as follows

As of March 5, 2024, all deposit checks for pavilion rentals will be held at the Hope Township Hall until such time as the pavilion is inspected after rental. The renter will be asked whether they want their check returned, shredded or donated to the park.

This motion was seconded by Darlene. All were in favor.

As we have the offer for fixing the driveway for \$3000 and could handle half of that amount, it was suggested we vote on that with the understanding we would petition the township board to match that \$1500. Motion was made by Starla to improve the driveway for \$1500 if the township board approves matching funds. This motion was seconded by Darlene with roll call as follows - Darlene - yes, Doug - yes, Starla - yes, Cathie - yes and David - yes.

David asked Rod Hawkins if he intends to continue as caretaker, Rod agrees. We had very favorable comments about how the park looked last year.

### **Comments**

At the end of the meeting we had a letter of resignation from Doug Shoffner and also from David Yahr.

Motion to adjourn made by Doug, seconded by Starla, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2004.

Respectfully,  
Cathie J. Kisser, Secretary