

Proposed Minutes

July 12, 2021

Woodhull Township Park and Recreation Commission

Call to order: 7:04 pm

Hybrid meeting – Both in person at township hall and Zoom virtual

Open with Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call: Mrs Cathy Provines, Chairman – Present  
Mrs Paula Hill, Trustee - Present  
Mrs Cindy Bawks, Treasurer – Present  
Mrs Justine Bell, Trustee – Present Haslett, Woodhull Twp  
Mrs Paula Palmatier, Secretary - Present

Review of today's meeting agenda. One change made to add the topic of Fireworks. Cathy made the motion to accept the agenda with the addition of Fireworks topic. Cindy seconded.

Motion carried.

Review of proposed June 14, 2021 meeting minutes. No changes suggested. Cathy made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Paula P seconded.

Motion carried.

Review of current budget/financials. Cindy did not get any information from the township so nothing new. Would like to proceed with ordering the picnic table tops/seats since the prices of material continues to go up. New quotes are \$765 more than quotes from Dec 2020.

A motion was made by Paula P to approve ordering spending the original amount (\$4031) + the \$765 increase for table updates. Cathy seconded.

Review of bills for payment. Other than paying the board for today's meeting, no other bills need to be paid. Jerry asked about approval to buy hedge trimmer, a brush cutter and edger attachments to maintain the trail and park in general. Total for tools \$433.96.

A motion made by Cathy to pay board for tonight's meeting and approve \$433.96 for additional tools needed.

Roll call to vote: Cathy – y, Cindy – y, Justine – y, Paula H – y, Paula P – y

Reviewed monthly custodial report. We reviewed the items on the report. Jerry mentioned he is looking for a workbench that can be put in the lower pavilion building. He also thanked Tom for the new drag. It does a wonderful job and they are busy picking up the rocks it's pulling up. Anyone interested in picking up rocks from the fields would be appreciated. He will be looking at removing/having removed the old yellow gates and posts at the entrance of the park, since they are no longer used and just get in the way.

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Tom Jelenek commented that someone in the community might be interested in the gates. Jerry may just detach the gate part, leaving the pole.

Update on lady in the park. There is a homeless lady who has been using the park for periods of time. Sleeping at the rest area, using the park pavilion during the day. Cathy has spoken with her and provided her with some food, gift cards, and resource information. Looking Glass Community Outreach has also tried to assist her. The park commission agreed that we just can't let her stay in the park and loiter, unpack her car, cook, do her laundry. Cathy will speak to her if she comes again.

Fireworks. There was a lot of firework remains in the park on July 5. Neighbors complained of the same. Discussion about whether the township could set a resolution to prohibit fireworks. Tom Jelenek mentioned some language that could be drafted for this. He offered to write something up for us.

Porta John's. The public has asked if we might be able to keep Porta Johns in the park year round. There are many who pass through our community and our Porta Johns are the only public restrooms in the area. Cindy will check on price difference to have a non-handicap unit (because it's cheaper than handicap model) in the part for the off months. There would be a pickup/delivery fee to be considered.

Storm damage. After the hail storm, damage was found on the upper pavilion's shingles and fascia. There was some shingle damage on the shed as well. Need to have the township look into insurance claim. Discussion about whether there was damage to other township buildings (fire barn, hall?), and a single claim could be made. Tom Jelenek offered to get with insurance carrier and see what is covered.

Mulch. Cathy hasn't been able to do it and we need to wait until mosquitos are down. Tom will see if he can get contact information for someone and we can get a price for spraying for mosquitos.

Rocks at the ballfield. Rocks continue to surface when the fields are dragged. Anyone who has time to pick up rocks would be appreciated.

Fireman appreciation day. Maybe in Oct we can do a firefighters appreciation day. Have them come to the part and bring their trucks. Cindy will call James and see how they feel about it.

Cottage food license. Cathy is going to attend a class so she knows what we can/can't do at the park related to food.

Marketing ball fields. Discussion about how to market the ballfields and generate more use. Suggestion to sponsor a tournament, send notes to local athletic directors, make a marketing flyer.

Brush removal for parking. Jerry will be removing some of the scrub bushes in the area.

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GeoCache. No movement on this. Can't put a cache in until poison ivy addressed. Can't address the poison ivy until the mosquitos are down.

Poison Ivy. See above.

Old Business

Facebook page – We need more pictures. Keep sending pictures of things happening at the park.

Library Story time – No update. Waiting for a call from Laingsburg

Rock Painting day – Postponed due to other circumstances. No new date set, as mosquitos are so bad.

New Business

Paula H – Would like to buy a couple of mums for the park, and other flowers for spring color.

Cathy – Another shirt order will be placed. \$10 each, give your order to Cindy.

Cindy – Discussion about the empty back page of the property tax newsletter.

Justine – Nothing

Paula P – Shared pictures of a life size Connect 4 game. Maybe Jerry could make one for the park when he gets caught up with all of the other things.

Public comment

None

Closed session for real property

Cathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paula H seconded  
Motion carried.

Next meeting will be August 9, 2021 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 pm

Submitted by Paula Palmatier, Secretary