

**Minutes**

**January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Woodhull Township Park and Recreation Commission**

**Call to order: 7pm**

**Open with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.**

**Roll call:**

**Mr. Fred Kline – Chairman**

**Maggie Galilei – Treasurer**

**Mrs. Shelia Mendel – Secretary**

**Mrs. Paula Hill – Trustee**

**Mrs. Cathy Provines – Trustee**

**All members present.**

**Reviewed: November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes.**

**Cathy motioned to accept minutes as written, Paula second, the board accepted the motion and carried.**

**\* 2020 Ball league sign up:**

**Guests: Heather Laimore and Denise Hauser, Boys team requested Monday – Friday evenings 6:30 to dusk. Starting the end of April through July. (8 to 10 year old players).**

**Guest: Jeannie Austin, Girls travel team requested Tuesday and Thursday evenings, summer hours will be worked out with Heather. They will let us know the information.**

**Maggie questioned why we do not charge fees for Ballfields and pavilions as her research found many parks do. Fred, Paula and Shelia replied the Woodhull Twp. residents pay taxes and are funded by such and the park board voted in the past to not charge a fee as this is not a city park.**

**Jeannie and Heather stated the summer recreation players have fees to play. Perry is a non-profit league. Their fees covers the following:**

**Uniforms, paper work, liability insurance, contracting field prep before games, paying umpire fees, clean up after games.**

**Jeannie said if Woodhull Township Park charges a league fee, we would be responsible to pay umpire, liability insurance, preparing ball fields. This would not be cost effective for the Parks budget, if we have to pay for these services and pay a member to monitor all persons involved. The coaches will get a copy of player inability contract for Park file.**

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Cathy mentioned for the church leagues to be reserve Monday night, front field. Paula second the board accepted and carried.

Maggie talked with Tim Hill (Building and Grounds Superintendent) for Shiawassee County in regards to Custodial duties and his feedback we have been able to establish pay and duties of our present and new Custodial person taking Fred's place when he retires in November 2020.

Fred motioned the pay stay at \$10 an hour and 40 hours a month for the New Custodial person. Shelia second the board accepted and motion carried.

Guest: David Miller of Scenic Lakes came for information about Fred's positions as Park Chairman and Park Custodian. Fred will not be running in the November election. He is retiring from the park as of 2020. David stated later in the meeting he is there on behalf of his friend and neighbor Harley Koeph of Scenic Lake, who is a interested person but, unable to attend tonight.

The Woodhull Township Park will be changing some responsibilities for those positions, more information will be ready at the Monday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting at 7pm Woodhull Township hall.

Cathy motioned to not charge fees for ball and pavilion reservations. Paula second, motion carried.

David stated at their park in Scenic Lakes charge a \$25. Reservation fee, for their new and only pavilion. Shelia asked if they have an association fee and Fred asked is the Scenic Lake park private and not for the public?

*David replied yes, there is an association fee and that park is private. The residence are paying for their new neighborhood private park.*

#### Budget:

Maggie indicated the need to transfer \$2,615.00 from Park Savings account # 41-1733-3229 to Contracted Salaries account # 101-751-818, due to Fred's increase in pay from April meeting whereas budget was not amended to cover this increase at a time a different Treasure was on board. Fred was aware of this issue and because no December meeting was scheduled open discussion was at January meeting. No correction can be done until board agrees on moving money.

Maggie motioned to transfer the money, a roll call vote was conducted. Fred yes, Paula yes, Maggie yes and Shelia yes. Cathy no. Shelia amended her vote. Motioned passed.

Cathy and Shelia asked why are we just notified of the issue and requested the 2019 revenue and expenditure report sheets from July to October.

Fred motion the new custodial pay stay at \$10.00 an hour, 40 hours per month. Shelia second, the motion the motion accepted and carried.

Maggie proposed to leave the park gate open during the summer season, leave the swings up leave the picnic tables out but, store the spring toys. Her research showed other Parks are open year round. Tabled.

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Maggie proposed we do 12 month meetings a year, at this time we have been 11 months. Fred, Paula, and Shelia replied, the township told us it wasn't necessary to have a Park meeting in December and they tried to say January wasn't necessary either. Tabled.

Maggie proposed to increase pay for the Park Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman from \$50.00 to \$75.00 for one hour each month for meetings. Fred motion accept purposed to increase Treasurer and Secretary's pay not the Chairman. Paula second, board accepted motion and carried.

Maggie is working on a 5 year plan for grants, she spoke to Douglas Shultz from Rowe's Professional Services. He said the cost will be \$9000.00. Shelia asked does that cover everything start to finish including site inspections. Maggie was not sure but, if the Park board decides to move forward we can invite Douglas to a meeting so he can answer our questions.

The Park board will request the Woodhull Township board to pay for the 5 year plan grant application.

2020 projects: improvements to the walking trail, fenced in toddler play area, plaques in memory of members that passed away in 2019, Connie Henske and Dwight Kittle.

Appreciation plaque for the Perry FFA students that volunteered planting spring flower and closing the Park in the fall 2019. Tabled.

Maggie spoke to MDOT about making two signs to place at M-78/Lansing Rd. /Shaftsbury Rd. the cost is approximately \$1000.00 will be paid to the State of Michigan and will come out of park capitol overlay before signed are erected. Tabled.

#### Announcements:

\*Fred Kline is retiring this year.

\*Shelia will move to Park Trustee in February.

\*Maggie has reminded those members running in the November election to do their registration before April 21<sup>st</sup>.

\*Cathy Provines will move to the Park Secretary in February.

\*Paula has received Park pavilion reservations, one in July and one in August.



The Woodhull Township Boards plan to have a picnic in the park this summer to meet and greet for the present members. Mike Shaft will be presenting historical events from the Woodhull twp. In the spring more information will be available.

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Next Park meeting is Monday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

\*Park Positions opened: Custodial, Chairman, and Trustee.

Meeting adjourned: 10:30pm

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy and happy New Year.

The Woodhull Twp. Park board is looking forward to the projects this year.

Good luck to all the ball leagues this season.

\*The Park opens May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The monthly Park meetings are the second Monday of the month.

At: 7pm.

At: the Woodhull Township Hall.