



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission
Don Howes (Chair)
Rob Jackson
John Waswill

Park Commission Meeting Minutes 16 February, 2017

Called to order 19:07

Attendance: Don Howes, Rob Jackson

Approval of Minutes January 24, 2017

MSDV Unanimous

Correspondence - requests Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

- Email from Beverly Carver regarding the Pond Fire gathering, showing strong support for the event. Don estimates that at one time there was over 90 people, estimating around 150 people attended throughout the event. FOHH and HPC plan on doing this event again next year with some additions including extended hours.
- Eddie Evers from BVT inquiring about helping with cleanup again. Last year BVT contributed significant manpower to cleaning up the parklands, and they want to do it again on 3/22. We are open to other volunteers as well but not on this day due to people management.

Review previous action items

Phillips Field playground and parking lot review

- Discussion with Shawn Keefe regarding the parking lot and the contractor that was doing the work. The parking lot where the machines are must be done completely by 3/20.
- Playground equipment has been installed for the most part. Once mulch is down we'll install the swings and items. Final charge will be less than the estimate. There was some discussion over something other than mulch but the engineered wood fiber that we are using is already wheelchair accessible.
- Mike and Paul from Redline volunteered to install curbing to help hold back mulch. Worst case scenario is 1800-2000 if we have to purchase new, as we can't wait forever for used equipment and installation must be coordinated with the playground work. Motion to allow to spend up to \$2000 if it becomes necessary. Deadline for the curbing will be the end of the week. MSDV Unanimous.
- Grass seed will be spread as soon as weather allows...relying on Swift's Landscaping for recommendations of how to best seed the area.

Town Park Bathroom

- Paperwork is progressing and we are expecting a permit tomorrow to start a few weeks early. The goal is to have most excavation and all formwork complete before spring sports starts.

Long range Capital Planning

- We need to schedule a work meeting on just these items to sit down and hash through ideas. We need the schedules to converge among the three members.

Hopedale Pond Weed Contract

- We were unable to find the original report from the Conservation Commission. Dave Guglielmi was able to find the report and will drop it off tomorrow.

Fishing Derby Report

- Low attendance for the derby but there was plenty of ice. Participants lit the fires to prepare for the gathering later that day.

Review of Tennis Fees

- Only update will be towards the youth fees will change, all other fees remain the same.

Chairman Howes notified of the need to take Conflict of Interest Training online.

Agreement is required to enable a single board member to sign off on bills, as keeping up with bills as they come in has been challenging. Any bills paid in this manner will be reviewed in public forum at the meeting following payment.

New Business:

Work in the parklands is continuing with Dana Wilson of 'Bump Your Stump' tree service. Some trees have been marked in the parklands for removal for the purpose of maintaining safety. Mr. Wilson will take down the trees and take the 8' sections of the bases and set them up as benches around the parklands. All brush and debris will be chipped and kicked to the woods. Depending on time we might have the stumps leveled off for benches, if not now that will be a longer term action.

Don will be providing the bills to John to review, who will then send to the rest of the commission.

Motion to close made by Rob at 19:30. MSDV Unanimous.

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*Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted ** Roll Call Vote

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