



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Park
Commission**
Don Howes, Chair
Jim Abbruzzese
David Sprowl

Hopedale Park Commission Regular Meeting Agenda 7:00 pm Draper Room, Town Hall January 16, 2020

Call to Order at 7:06 PM

Attendance

Park Commission: Don Howes, David Sprowl
Absent: Jim Abbruzzese
Park Clerk: Mary Arcudi
Meeting was videotaped.

It was moved by Mr. Sprowl, seconded by Mr. Howes, to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 19, 2019. All voted in favor.

Correspondences and requests

An email was received via the Park website from Mr. Jay Rojee who runs youth soccer camps in Medway inquiring about holding camps in Hopedale at Phillips Field. Since he provided limited information, the clerk will email him for more details.

Tracey Phillips submitted park usage request for the Pondsides Fire event for February 8th which would be co-hosted with the Park Commission. David Sprowl made a motion to approve this event for the town pond area, seconded by Don Howes. All voted in favor.

Tracey also submitted the park usage request for the annual Spooktacular Fun Run to be held on October 31, 2020. David Sprowl made a motion to approve this event for the town pond area, seconded by Don Howes. All voted in favor.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- Bath house project - The wood ramp was removed and the area was raked. The Hopedale Highway department removed the wood which was greatly appreciated.
- Proposal for Finance Committee - Tree preservation and storm damage protection needs to be addressed in the playground area of the Town Park. There are 15 trees that need attention from Dutcher Street from the bathroom facility to Park Street on Northrop Street. There is deadwood greater than 2 inches in diameter and trees need to be pruned to reduce the canopy. Crown reduction pruning is needed to reduce the leverage of the long, over extended limbs to reduce the likelihood of future storm damage. This would improve the trees and safety in the high use areas of the park. The HPC has a quote from Harrison McPhee for \$27,475.00 which does not include police detail and removal of debris.

Don Howes will attend this the Finance Committee workshop this Saturday, January 18th and submit a proposal for additional funding for this project. He will also inquire about getting on the Board of Selectmen's agenda for their next meeting to inform the board of this request. David Sprowl will call other arborists for additional quotes in the meantime.

- Renovations - The HPC received a copy of a quote from Stephanie Ridolfi from Premier Sealcoating for renovations to the tennis courts. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that additional information would be appreciated and an invitation will be sent to Karen Crebase, Superintendent of Schools to attend the next HPC meeting on February 20, 2020.

New Business

- Parking area - The HPC would like to look into creating a parking area for the yellow trail off Dutcher Street. This would eliminate some of the parking on Dutcher Street. David will look into what needs to be done to get this project going. It could possibly be up to 6 gravel spaces and consideration would be needed on placement of a gate.

Bills and Invoices

- One National Grid bill needed signing.

Public Comment - lengthy items

None

Report of board members

None

Adjourn at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Arcudi
HPC Clerk


Don Howes, Chairman
David Sprowl

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