



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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

Hopedale Park Commission Regular Meeting Minutes 7:00 pm Draper Room, Town Hall February 20, 2020

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Attendance

Park Commission: Don Howes, David Sprowl, Jim Abbruzzese

Park Clerk: Mary Arcudi

School Department: Superintendent Karen Crebase, Chairman of School Committee Lori Hampsch,
Athletic Director Stephanie Ridolfi

HYBA: Brandt Wajda

Hopedale Youth Field Hockey: Kristen Ledone, Brittany Pessotti, Matha Gosselin

Hopedale Boy Scouts: Bryan Stone and Benjamin Stone

It was moved by Mr. Abbruzzese, seconded by Mr. Howes, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 8, 2020. Those who were in attendance voted in favor.

It was moved by Mr. Sprowl, seconded by Mr. Howes, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 16, 2020. Those who were in attendance voted in favor.

Request

Boy Scout Benjamin Stone presented to the Commission his request to hide one Geocache in the Parklands. Benjamin led the discussion regarding what geocaches are and how you can log onto an application to search for this and the log book that is located with the geocache. After an enlightening and fabulous presentation, Jim Abbruzzese made a motion to approve the request to hide an official geocache in the Hopedale Parklands and register it through the Geocaching website. David Sprowl seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Review of Capital Expense - Tennis Courts

Superintendent Karen Crebase reviewed the ongoing discussion and project to renovate the tennis courts at the park. Mrs. Crebase updated the board on the quotes received by the school department so far and one in particular for \$38,325 from Premier Sealcoating. This would be a complete overhaul of the three tennis courts. After a thorough discussion and options available, Jim Abbruzzese made a motion to work with the School Committee towards drafting a warrant article for the complete renovations of the tennis courts for the upcoming Town Meeting. David Sprowl seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Correspondences and requests

- HYBA request - Brandt Wajda presented the Hopedale Youth Baseball request to accept and deliver a 10' by 10' wood construction shed for the sole purpose of the HYBA use at the Draper Baseball Field. This shed is a generous donation and the placement of the shed would be

adjacent to the existing Konex box at the Juniors Field. No excavation is needed. This would be used for storage of baseball equipment, snacks and serve as a central meeting destination for baseball activities. Mr. Howes requested that no crushed stone be used and the locks would be at the HYBA's expense. Jim Abbruzzese made a motion to approve the installation of a 10' by 10' wood shed for the HYBA use at Draper Field as presented. Motion seconded by David Sprowl and all were in favor.

- Space consideration for the new youth Field Hockey league - Kristen Ledone described to the Commission their request for field space for a new youth field hockey league. The need is for practices twice during the week and games on Saturdays. If requesting the Draper Field the league would need to discuss availability with the school's Athletic Director. Don Howes suggested looking into creating their own field at Town Park in the outfield where many years ago the teams played. The fee structure and rules were shared with the league. David Sprowl made a motion to accommodate the request to use either Draper Field when available or Town Park for practices and games for the youth field hockey league. Seconded by Jim Abbruzzese and all were in favor.

A short recess occurred at 8:03 to 8:12 PM

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- Bath house project - nothing new to report
- Proposal for Finance Committee - trees needing removal on playground
Waiting for additional quotes to come in.
A motion was made by Jim Abbruzzese to draft a warrant article in the amount of \$40,000 for tree restoration/removal in the playground area of the Town Park. Motion seconded by David Sprowl and all were in favor.
- Parking area - Yellow trail off Dutcher Street
A discussion was held to move this project forward to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission to consider adding 4-6 parking spaces to alleviate on-street parking.
- Revised quote for concrete repair for bandstand area and additional bench pad
HPC received the quote from Steve Gallagher to renovate the threshold area of the bandstand which was more than the commission had estimated. It also included one more concrete pad for an additional bench to be constructed and installed between the bathhouse and the garage area. Mr. Sprowl made a motion to approve the quote of \$2,000 to repair/renovate the threshold area of the bandstand and one more concrete pad which would be paid from the HPC revolving account. Seconded by Jim Abbruzzese and all were in favor.
- Update on electronic payment system
Mary Arcudi reviewed the process and proposal for the electronic payment system that would be submitted to Unibank. The HPC appreciated the input from Matt Costanza in creating this online registration.

New Business

Review draft of HPC Annual Report - The HPC reviewed the Annual Report compiled by the clerk and David Sprowl made a motion to accept and submit the Annual Report for 2018-19 fiscal year. Jim Abbruzzese seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Bills and Invoices

Invoices were signed for Hawkeye Fence, Chase, National Grid and reimbursement to Don Howes.

The HPC received an inquiry from Marchand Septic to provide services for our portable toilets and the quote was more than the commission currently pays.

Public Comment - lengthy items

None

Report of board members

Don Howes reported damage to the practice wall in the tennis courts and was told by a resident that it was being used by lacrosse players. He advised that a sign should be placed in the area that detailed the usage for only tennis or softer balls.

Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

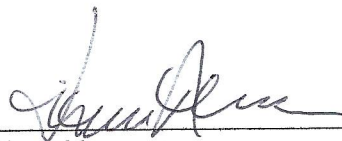
None

Adjourn at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Arcudi, HPC Clerk


Don Howes, Chairman


Jim Abbruzzese


David Sprowl

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