



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Park
Commission**
Michael Reynolds
Michael Ledone
Chair- David Sprowl

Hopedale Park Commission June 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes 7:00 pm Remote Meeting via Zoom

Meeting was called to order by Chairman David Sprowl at 7:10 pm.

Attendance

Park Commission: David Sprowl, Michael Ledone, Michael Reynolds

Park Clerk: Mary Arcudi

Administrative Assistant: Lindsay Mercier

Mike Ledone made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2021, seconded by Mike Reynolds. All in favor.

Announcements, correspondences and requests

- HYBA Park Usage request for summer Babe Ruth League was reviewed and approved by a motion by Mike L, seconded by Mike R and all were in favor.
- Sr. Center Park Usage request for Kayak Paddle program was also reviewed and approved by a motion by Mike R, seconded by Mike L and all were in favor.
- The report from Water and Wetlands regarding Hopedale Pond treatment was received and details were shared by David Sprowl. A treatment of invasive fanwort and variable watermilfoil was done. Invasive phragmites growth around the shoreline were treated. Advised to plan for a Sonar treatment program in 2022 is recommended. Since only a partial treatment plan was done last year for financial reasons, the board was not surprised with these results.
- Hopedale For Change (Greg Habel) will join the July meeting to discuss diversity in Hopedale Parks.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- The Board of Health has officially approved the Fin and Feather clinics as the Health Agent was able to verify the program is not classified as a camp and does not need a camp permit. The clinic is approved with the understanding that there will not be more than 3 clinics in a 14 day cycle.
- Mike R. updated the board on the status of the sprinklers at Phillips and watering at Town Park. He met with members of the youth softball board, Emerald Irrigation and the Highway Department. The sprinklers are not operational at this time and would need considerable funds to repair. Mike R will continue to gather additional information and quotes.
- The Town Park Kiosk and the Kiosk by 146 Dutcher Street are being rebuilt by volunteer Randy Carbo. Tim Watson is working with Mike R to reattach the water meter to the kiosk at Town Park. There are some incidental costs to repair these and Mike R made a motion to allocate up to \$1000 to complete the repairs to the 2 Kiosks, including new trail maps, footings and all maintenance supplies. Seconded by Mike L and all were in favor.

- The rotted tree at 84 Dutcher Street has been removed that abuts the Parklands and the board agreed that HPC funds would not be allocated to the resident as it is clearly their property and funding is needed for many other imperative projects.
- Land Survey results received showing the rock wall is Park property near Northrup Street. Mike R will solicit quotes for this repair along with repairs needed to the rock wall near Freedom Street.
- The board reviewed the quote for ADA swing for Playground and placement. Mike R met with the playground company, UltiPlay and indicated the only location would be where the large swings are to support the weight of the ADA swing. 2 out of the 4 existing large swings would have to come down. The complete cost is \$937 including installation. There are remaining funds available from the large donation recently received. Mike L made a motion to approve purchasing the ADA swing for \$937 from UltiPlay, seconded by Mike R and all were in favor.
- Summer 2021 Craft/Tennis Program is moving forward and ready to go starting June 28th.
- Hopedale "Little Library" was donated by the Wajda family and is ready to be installed at the Town Park near the Bandstand. Mike R made a motion to allocate expenses up to \$100 for supplies for this installation, seconded by Mike L and all were in favor.
- Overdale Parkway update/discussion - Mike R updated the HPC in regards to the land donation accepted by the Selectboard at their May 24th meeting. Town Council and lawyers conducted a title search and found that the unpaved portion is not under the control of the Park Commission. 10 homes are being proposed and all plans moving forward will need approval from the appropriate town boards.

New Business

Mike R solicited quotes to fertilize Phillips, Draper and Town Park fields. Option 1 represents an application of Fertilizer and Grub control on Phillips Bros Field at the cost of \$2096.25

Option 2 represents an application of Fertilizer only on Town Park and Draper Field at the cost of \$1888. Total price is \$3,984.75. After a full discussion regarding timing due to FY21 remaining budget, Mike R made a motion to move forward on both options to fertilize all three fields prior to June 30, 2021, seconded by Mike L, and all were in favor.

Bills and Invoices

Bills and invoices are all up to date.

Public Comment - lengthy items

None

Report of board members

Daid Sprowl noted a Facebook post regarding a dead turtle that appears to be stuck inside a tire near 19 Lake Street. A discussion was held to reach out to the Highway Department for guidance and suggestions.

Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

The HPC did receive a last minute request to discuss a Park Usage form from Greg Laboissiere to use Phillips Field for soccer clinics in August. Mike R made a motion to allow Greg Laboissiere to move forward on organizing the soccer clinics at Phillips Field after speaking with the Softball league and the HS Athletic Director. Motion seconded by Mike L and all were in favor. Mike R will speak with Greg and get additional information to bring back to the July meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike R, seconded by Mike L and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Arcudi