



# TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Park  
Commission**  
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Sprowl

## **Hopedale Park Commission July 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes 7:00 pm Remote Meeting via Zoom**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman David Sprowl at 7:07 pm.

### **Attendance**

Park Commission: David Sprowl, Michael Ledone, Michael Reynolds

Park Clerk: Mary Arcudi

Town Administrator Diana Schindler

Guests: Anna Graham, Kelly Alley, Greg Habel, Michelle Alves, Ryan Haynes, Jimmy and Saken Khokhar, Jamie Solomon Zissu, Suzanne MacNeil, Tony Faath

Mike Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17th meeting, seconded by Mike Ledone and all were in favor.

### **Announcements, correspondences and requests**

- Anna Graham from Picnic Pastimes is requesting to use the Town Park for her business of preparing picnics for her clients. She is just starting up and looking for guidance for using the Park for her event service. A detailed discussion was held and will be tabled to the August meeting once the board receives an insurance binder and guidance from the Board of Health.
- Hopedale Park 1 Cub Scouts requested to use the Town Park for an overnight camp adventure on 9/11/21. Mike Reynolds made a motion to approve the Cub Scouts to use the Town Park for their overnight camping on September 11, 2021, seconded by Mike Ledone and all were in favor.
- Ryan Haynes requested to hold a benefit Basketball tournament on July 30, 2021. A rain date was proposed for Sunday August 1, 2021. This will be a benefit for the National Kidney Foundation. Mike Reynolds made a motion to approve this charity basketball event for 7/30/21 with a rain date of 8/1/21, seconded by Mike Ledone and all were in favor. David Sprowl will check with the highway department to add additional trash containers for the event. Ryan also asked if he could sell water and gatorade to raise additional funds towards the donation and the board felt that was appropriate but will check with the Board of Health as well.

### **Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)**

None

### **Review previous action items**

- Hopedale for Change members presented to the HPC their ideas regarding diversity in Hopedale Parks. A lengthy discussion was held regarding signage in the Parks and Parklands to include either pictures or additional languages. Mike Reynolds informed the group that the HPC has already embarked on a project to include an ADA swing which is on order for the playground along with looking into a pathway to the areas and swing for easier accessibility. It was encouraged to change the sign on the family bathroom for all genders and in braille. QR codes were also reviewed for those who would download maps or rules to their smartphones. Fundraising was also discussed along with looking into grants which Diana Schindler advised

the group on how to obtain. Long term items would include sensory items for autistic children and single use bathrooms. The Park Commission will definitely look into new signs as a start and look forward to working with “Hopedale for Change”.

- Mike Reynolds presented a quote for mats for the pathway to ADA Swing. The cost for the mats totaled \$5672 which included \$2006 towards installation. Mike Ledone thought it was something that he and a crew could install, saving the installation fee. Mike Reynolds will contact the company for an exact quote and report back at the August meeting.
- The board reviewed the quote for the Town Park stone wall repairs from Paul Thomas in the amount of \$4600. Although this quote sounded reasonable, David Sprowl requested an additional quote for comparison. This will be reviewed at the August meeting as well.
- The soccer clinic at Phillips Field proposed by Coach Greg Labossiere is proceeding forward and will be held for one week in August at the cost of \$110 per participant. The board agreed to assess the same fees for this clinic; \$5 for a Hopedale resident, \$8 for a non-resident.

### **New Business**

- A discussion was held to consider an Annual Town Warrant for next May 2022 to ask for funds to replenish Weed Control funds. The board agreed to ask the Finance Committee for \$30,000 and Diana Schinder added this request to her list of Capital projects.

### **Bills and Invoices**

FY21 budget is coming to a close and only waiting for a bill from the Water and Sewer Department. Once the ledger reports are received, the clerk will forward these documents to the board.

### **Public Comment - lengthy items**

Diana Schinder reminded the board of their capital projects which include the trees in the playground and the tennis court repairs. The finance committee will be meeting soon to review these and all capital projects.

### **Report of board members**

Mike Ledone reported that he will be installing the “Little Library” within the next week. David Sprowl attended the Open Space Committee Meeting where grants, ADA Compliance and how to use our Recreational Space was discussed. He will review the minutes and report in more detail at the August meeting.

### **Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours**

- Hopedale for Change is requesting to use the Adin Ballou Park for a social meeting on October 9th from 2-5 pm. Mike R made a motion to approve the use of Adin Ballou Park for a social meeting on 10/9/21, seconded by Mike L and all were in favor.
- Last minute Park Usage request came in from Chris Kivior who runs the Larry Olson 10K. This annual event is planned for 10/23/21 and uses the Bathhouse and Bandstand areas. After a review of the event, Mike R made a motion to approve the Larry Olson 10K to be held on October 23, 2021, seconded by Mike L, and all were in favor.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike R at 8:46 pm, seconded by Mike L and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Arcudi  
HPC Clerk