



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Park
Commission**
Michael Reynolds
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Hopedale Park Commission October 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes 7:00 pm Remote Meeting via Zoom

Chairman David Sprowl called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Attendance

Park Commission: David Sprowl, Michael Reynolds, Michael Ledone

Park Clerk: Mary Arcudi

Guests: Jackson Staheli, Boy Scout Troop 1

Mike Ledone made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16 and September 28, 2021, seconded by Mike Reynolds. All were in favor.

Announcements, correspondences and requests

- The Park Commission received correspondence from Tracey Phillips from Friends of Historic Hopedale regarding the donation boxes that have been setup during the Hopedale Fairy Walk for improvements to the Parklands trail. A previous agreement detailed that these funds would go towards new resting benches in the Parklands. Two of the benches have been completed and placed and the last three need to be finished. The bench materials are in the bathhouse garage and the highway barn. The Friends of Historic Hopedale did raise additional funds this year which can be put towards any additional materials needed. The Park Commissioners will look into what it will take to complete this project.
- Jackson Staheli from Boy Scout Troop 1 is requesting permission to organize a Parkland cleanup project. He is looking to start this project as soon as possible. The scouts will walk through the Parklands, picking up any trash, clearing small brush and report and large branches that need attention. All trash and recycling will be removed and disposed of accordingly. This would give those scouts that attend their Camping Merit Badge. Mike Reynolds made a motion to approve the request for the Boy Scout Troop to organize a Parkland cleanup, seconded by Mike Ledone. All were in favor.
- The tree planting near the Little Red Shop has been confirmed by Tree Warden to be completed on November 2 with the assistance of Hopedale Cub Scouts. The tree is a donation from Glenda Hazard in memory of her dad. Mike Reynolds will make every effort to attend and assist.
- Don Howes sent a correspondence updating the board on repairs to Town Park Kiosk. This is a project Don and Randy Carbio were working on and unfortunately do not have time to complete what needs to be done. The water meter needs to be attached and it was suggested that temporary posts be placed to reattach the meter. Mike Reynolds has spoken with Randy Carbo regarding what is needed to complete the project and is gathering other volunteers to assist.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- The board reviewed the quotes for Town Park stone wall repairs and will work on completing a capital request to present to the Finance Committee. Mike Ledone will look at getting a quote on repairing the railing as well in the meantime.

New Business

- The Annual High School Athletic Department Park Usage Fees was reviewed and it was suggested by the clerk that the board conduct a workshop on this fee, along with all budgetary expenses.

Bills and Invoices

The invoice from US Playground Surfacing, for the ADA mats for the playground has been processed. The remaining funds from the anonymous donor was put towards this purchase and the remaining balance is coming from the Recreational revolving fund.

The board again thanked the anonymous donor for this generous gift.

Public Comment - lengthy items

None

Report of board members

- Mike Ledone reported that the books that were stored in the BathHouse have been added to the Town Park library.
- There is an upcoming Open Space Committee meeting and David Sprowl stated that he may not be able to attend and Mike Reynolds will attend if needed.
- Mike Reynolds is working with National Grid on all lighting structures at the Park. There are lights that have shorted out and need bulb replacements.
- Mike R. also reported that a group of residents, including his wife, are looking at reigniting the non-profit Friends of Hopedale group that was started years ago. This non-profit would raise funds for the Parklands and playgrounds. They would be looking at obtaining matching funding as well. As a non-profit, members of the HPC are not eligible to be members.

Mike Reynolds made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm, seconded by Mike L and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Arcudi
HPC Clerk