



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Park
Commission**
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Hopedale Park Commission November 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes 7:00 pm Remote Meeting via Zoom

Meeting was called to order by Chairman David Sprowl at 7:00 pm.

Attendance

Park Commission: David Sprowl, Michael Ledone, Michael Reynolds

Park Clerk: Mary Arcudi

Guests: Ricardo Lima, Kristen Ledone

Mike Ledone made a motion to approve the minutes of October 27, 2021, seconded by David Sprowl. All were in favor.

Announcements, correspondences and requests

- Kristen Ledone presented a proposal from Milford/Hopedale Youth Field Hockey to improve and level the field area at Town Park next summer. There is also an issue with the storm drain cover. The MHYFH would cover the cost of bringing in loam and working with the Highway Department in between sport seasons next fall. Mike Reynolds met with the Hopedale Youth Baseball board and spoke with the High School Athletic Director as well and all believe this to be a great idea and are on board to assist along with the Park Commission. Mike Ledone spoke with Chris Nadeau and discussed the storm drain issue as well for options to replace it and make this area of the field safer for the athletes.
- MHYFH also has concerns about the trees in the outfield along the back rock wall. They will obtain quotes to remove this tree and report back to the HPC.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- The board received an email update from Jackson Staheli from Boy Scout Troop 1 regarding the Parkland cleanup project. They spend the day clearing the trash and tree limbs throughout the trails and the HPC greatly appreciated the scouts for this project cleanup.
- Mike Ledone presented the board with quotes for Town Park railings and fencing repairs needed along Northrup Street and for the Freedom Street side. It was decided that the Northrup Street side was the top priority and needs immediate attention. Since he is still waiting for one more quote, the board will continue this conversation to their next meeting.

New Business

- The Park Commission Capital Improvement Project List was reviewed. The board will continue to review this, add quotes if available and prioritize the items to present to the Finance Committee after the new year. The Improvement Projects are:

1. Town Park and Parklands Kiosks
2. Repair of the Rustic Bridge in the Parklands
3. Town Park Tennis Court and Basketball Court
4. Tennis Court and Basketball Court Lighting Repairs
5. Town Park Rock Wall
6. Town Park rock railing along Northrup Street
7. Water Well and sprinkler system replacement at Phillips Field
8. Tree trimming at Town Park Playground

The following were also added:

9. Regrading playground
 10. Add mulch in playground area
 11. Repave/repair/resurface area from portable toilets to BathHouse
- The capital request for the pond weeds was already added to the Finance Committee Capital requests at a previous meeting.

Bills and Invoices

None

Public Comment - lengthy items

None

Report of board members

Mike Reynolds reported that he has volunteers ready to complete the Kiosk projects for the Town Park and Draper Field.

He also informed the board that the Town Park Bathrooms had been vandalized. Repairs will be needed. The bathroom also need to be winterized and he will contact local plumbers for their availability.

Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

The clerk received a Sign Usage form from Tracey Philps for the Downtown Winter Stroll. The area requested is not under control of the Park Commission. If by chance they meant another area of park land, the board is in support of signage to advertise this fabulous event.

Mike Reynolds made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm, seconded by Mike Ledone and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Arcudi
HPC Clerk