



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

Don Howes, Chair
Jim Abbruzzese
John Waswill

April 19th, 2018 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Draper Room, Town Hall

Call to Order - Town Hall – 19:05

Attendance

- Park Commission: Don Howes, Jim Abbruzzese. Absent – John Waswill
- Public: Robert Jackson, Tracey Philips, Dave Guglielmi, Jeff LeClaire

Approval of Minutes: March 16, 2018

Deferred

Correspondence and requests

- FoHH requested the use of various parks for placing signs for the 2018 Fairy Walk. **Approved**
- Rob Jackson submitted a request to use Town Park on multiple dates for Movie Night and for HPC to co-sponsor. **Approved**
Rob as also approached FoHH for help with purchasing the necessary licenses needed to show movies. Rob also reported that the Hopedale Foundation donated a new projector and screen to be shared by the Community House and Movie Night.
- Police submitted a requested to use the Adin St. Triangle for the town message board. **Approved**
- The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts requested to pick up trash in the Parklands and Town Park on April 21 from 2-4pm. **Approved**
- Received the Ellis' family notification regarding changes to their landscape that abuts Parks property via certified mail. This request was previously discussed with no issue during the March HPC meeting. The previous notification was not sent by certified mail.
- The Town notified the HPC about a project to reconfigure the intersection of Mendon St and Admin St. The Adin St Triangle will likely not be affected, but end of Adin St will be changed to be more perpendicular to Mendon St.
- Jeff LeClaire of Finn and Feather Sports requested the use of Hopedale Pond and the Parklands for the Blackstone Valley Youth Fishing Derby, boat rentals on the nights of Band Concerts and for their Summer Youth Outdoor program. **Motioned, seconded and approved by quorum.**
- The 6th grade class at Memorial School requested the use of Town Park on June 8th. **Approved**
- Cynthia Stevens contacted the HPC via the towns web site requesting that parking around Town Park be evaluated for safety and congestion. HPC will contact her with the suggestion to bring this to the attention of the Police Dept and Board of selectmen. HPC has no control of the streets or parking around Town Park.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- Phillips Field
 - The guard rail along the entrance has been installed. The entrance gate has yet to be reinstalled.
 - Scheduling Emerald Irrigation to repair and turn up irrigation operations.
 - Discussed adding new signs for bus and car parking.
 - Swifts Creative Landscape offered to donate the labor needed to move the Philips Field monument to the sign near front of the park at the street, out of harms way. They will also line the sign's mulch bed with stone. The relocation of the monument and an amount of up to \$325 for the work on the mulch bed was approved.
 - Soccer nets have been chained together to prevent moving since spring soccer is not being held at Phillips Field.
- Town Park
 - Repair work at the Bandstand has been completed and is to be inspected by the Building Inspector.
 - The door at the family bathroom is being repaired and all bathrooms are being scheduled to be opened for the outdoor season's use.
 - Summer Park employees hourly pay rates are being increased by \$0.50/hr for returning employees.
 - New tennis court rollers/squeegees were purchased by the High School. HPC to consider buying others for summer use.
 - Littering at the basketball court continues to be a problem and the HPC calls on all who use the court to please use the trash can located at the basketball court.
- Park rules, signs and postings, dog policy
 - Deferred
- Field use maintenance fees
 - Deferred
- White Ash tree behind 108 Dutcher Street
 - This tree has been determined to be on park property and the Tree Warden will have it removed for safety due to its condition. The Tree Warden is also having other smaller trees in the area of the recently removed pine tree cleaned up.
- Playing fields – Selectman
 - The Recreational Field ad hoc Committee is still being formed.
- Budget meeting/park projects
 - Deferred
- Drones
 - Deferred
- Removal of survey stakes
 - HPC requests that survey stakes placed by the HPC not be removed. Contact Town Hall and/or the HPC for concerns.
- Tennis Registration & Bandstand programs
 - Registration is ongoing, and some openings remain.
- Review of Spring School Sports meeting with Jim
 - Deferred
- Dogs in Town Park
 - Deferred
- Pond weed updates
 - Discussed during the New Business – Pond Weed Updates agenda item

New Business

- Parkland trees and bridge
 - Fallen trees and branches have been removed from the paths for access by emergency vehicles. There are still many trees that need to be cleaned up and the Tree Warden is going to investigate removal.

- HPC received a quote for a study to repair the Rustic Bridge. To be discussed in more detail at future a meeting.
- Request for use discussion
 - The HPC called on all who would like to have an organized event at a park in Hopedale to please submit a Use Request Form found on the Park Commission page of the Town's website. The intent of this form and notification to allow the HPC to review use for potential scheduling conflict with park maintenance or previously scheduled events.
- Pet waste station
 - A new pet waste station will be installed soon near the Bath House at the chain gate. If testing goes well and it is used appropriately the HPC will consider installing more at other entrances to the Parklands.
- Pond weed updates
 - David Guglielmi of The Conservation Commission provided the approval for weed treatment on Hopedale Pond and the form that is necessary for registering the land under Hopedale Pond with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds, which is needed in order to treat the pond for weeds.
 - Review of weed treatment plans for this spring/summer/fall included maintaining the work was done last year as well as adding new treatment to reduce the number of lily pads.
 - The Mass Division of Fisheries and Wildlife stocked Hopedale Pond with 350 rainbow trout. In previous years the pond did not meet health standards for stocking, which is a testament to work being done.
- Dave Guglielmi master key use
 - Approved the distribution of a park master key to David Guglielmi for assistance with access to various parks when needed for the upcoming study of park use.
- Bills & Invoices
 - Summer tennis registration checks are coming in and will be deposited after confirmation of acceptance to programs based on class size.
 - Finn and Feather paid for park use from last year's activities. The HPC requests faster payment in the future.
 - National Grid – electric
 - Portable toilets at Philips field
 - Game surface treatment for softball fields.
 - Liberty Construction – bandstand repair.
 - All swing parts have been replaced at Town Park, not including support structure. The Park Commission is asking for assistance and volunteers to paint the structures. The HPC will supply paint.

Public Comment - lengthy items

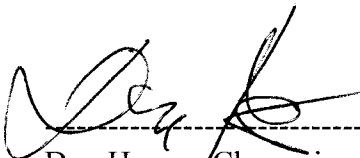
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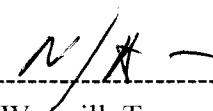
Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

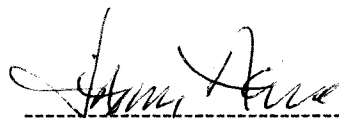
- The Park Commission has not yet officially been given control of Draper Park but anticipates the Board of Selectmen will assign care of Draper Park to the HPC soon. When that happens the HPC would like to provide portable bathrooms and will reach out to Hopedale Youth Baseball on this subject.

Adjourn 20:30

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