



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

Don Howes, Chair
Jim Abbruzzese
John Waswill

February 15th, 2018 Meeting Agenda 7:00pm Draper Room, Town Hall

Call to Order - Town Hall – 19:00

Attendance

- Park Commission – Don Howes, John Waswill, Jim Abbruzzese
- Public – Kelli St. Germain, Quynh St. Germain, Scott Galante

Approval of Minutes: January 18, 2018

- *MSDV approved unanimous

Correspondence and requests

- LeeAnn DiPietropolo requested the use of the Parklands area behind her house for a high school graduation party. The Park Commission approved the use of a tent, table and chairs. Food and drink should be kept on her own her own property.
- Discussed a request from a local timber buyer to review trees in Hopedale parks. Approved to meet with the timber and the Tree Warden when he is available in March.
- Discussed the summer tennis schedule submitted by Marc Espanet and recommendation that fees for tennis lesson to be carried forward from last year. Fees approved. Approved Marc's request for adding band stand administrator for non tennis activities.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

- None

Review previous action items

- Phillips Field playground and parking lot review
 - Received a quote from Hawkeye Fence for installing a wood guard rail from the street to new gate location. The original proposal came in at \$1900 but was reduced to \$1800 to meet the Commission's previously approved amount for this part of the fence. Metal rail provided by the Highway Department will be installed from the gate to the metal post at the corner of the lower parking lot.
 - Don Howes met with Jim Aslem to review soccer and lacrosse field layouts. To accommodate both the soccer field will be in the varsity softball outfield. Don to ask MHYS to compare their schedule with varsity softball's to ensure there are no conflicts. Don will also ask MHYS to donate soccer nets for use by all in the soccer goals.
 - Don and Jim Aslem also reviewed the possibility of lining a field hockey field at Town Park. Jim anticipates that it will not fit, but this was not officially measured.
 - Discussed having the Park Commission contact Jim Aslem for all initial field lining, instead of the High School as has been done in previous years. HPC would pay for the initial installation and then charge the High School. HPC would maintain the lines throughout the spring season.

- Town Park
 - Discussed Marc Espanet's request as part of the "Correspondence and requests" portion of the agenda.
- Park rules, signs and postings, dog policy
 - Park Commission has purchased one pet waste station to be installed near Bath House gate at the Park Lands. Use will be evaluated for the possibility of adding more stations.
- Field use maintenance fees
 - Deferred discussion to a future meeting.
- Pond inflow
 - All pertinent boards and commissions have assigned one person to create a committee that will be tasked with finding the source of contaminants entering the Pond through culvert number 4.
- Board of Health - food compliance
 - Park Commission reminded all requestors of parks use to contact the Board of Health for a food permit if food is to be served or sold as part of their intended use.
- Batting Cage - Town Park
 - A meeting is scheduled with the high school, Hopedale Youth Baseball and Jim Abbruzzese Friday, Feb 16 to discuss the shared use and responsibility of the batting cage.
- Re-work web site (old info)
 - Deferred discussion to a future meeting.
- Tree at 98/100 Dutcher Street
 - The pine tree has been taken down. Large pieces of the trunk were left behind to be distributed in the Parks Lands as benches with the assistance of the Highway Dept. Stump removal to be evaluated. A nearby White Ash tree was also evaluated and determined to be dangerous. The Tree Warden will have the ash tree removed with HPC approval. Commission Approved.
- HPC Yearly report
 - The Park Commission's portion of the Annual Report was approved in the January meeting and has since been submitted.

New Business

- Eagle Scout project presentation
 - Quynh St. Germain submitted a request to add trail markers in the Parklands for use by the high school cross country program. Scott Galante is Quynh's mentor for this project. The project is anticipated to start during April vacation and finish by the end of May. The Park Commission provided a preliminary approval and will review a formal proposal once developed by Quynh. Additionally, Don Howes will propose a meeting with Quynh and cross country Coach Joe Drugan to assist in developing a plan.
- White Ash tree behind 108 Dutcher Street
 - Discussed during the "Tree at 98/100 Dutcher" agenda item.
- Budget meeting/park projects
 - The first meeting was held on January 30th. An additional meeting may be necessary.
 - Discussed having the Rustic Bridge evaluated for structural integrity to determine if the bridge should be budgeted for repair or replacement. Don Howes will be in contact with a damn repair company who may be able to help evaluate the bridge.
- Mower request from highway
 - Discussed options for budgeting and approved to have the Highway Department include this in their budget request.
- Bills & Invoices
 - Bills included:
 - AS Elliott Associates for property line survey at 98/100 Dutcher St as part of the tree removal investigation.
 - National grid – electricity

- Waters bills
- Ace hardware – Claims the Park Commission owes on old business but cannot produce invoices due to age. This continues to be investigated before payment.

Public Comment - lengthy items

- None

Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

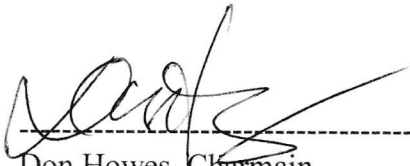
- None

Adjourn at 19:45

*Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

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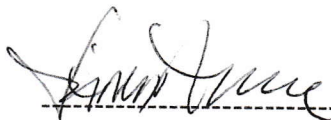
MARCH 16, 2018



Don Howes, Chairman

ABSENT

John Waswill, Treasurer



Jim Abbruzzese, Secretary