



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

Don Howes, Chair
Jim Abbruzzese
John Waswill

January 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Draper Room, Town Hall

Call to Order - Town Hall – 19:05

Attendance

- Park Commission: Don Howes, John Waswill, Jim Abbruzzese
- Brandt Wajda, Bryan Stone, Tracey Philips, Jeff Leclaire

Approval of Minutes: December 13, 2018 - Approved

Correspondence and requests

- Solitude Lake Management sent their yearend report for the treatment of Hopedale Pond. To be reviewed at the next HPC meeting
- HPC received notice that their portion of the Annual report is due Feb 4
- Friends of Historic Hopedale requested to hold a Pondsides Fire on Feb 9 from 4-6pm. Approved. Also confirmed that the 2019 Fairy Walk will be on June 8th.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- Tree work town park
 - The failing Tulip tree has been removed and its stump ground. Loom and seed still needed once the weather turns.

New Business

- Approve 2019 Calendar of HPC monthly meetings
 - Approved
- Review and ratify fee structure for Draper Field
 - The fee structure was reviewed with Bryan Stone and Brandt Wajda of Hopedale Youth Baseball. Due to the timing of the notification the needs structure will not go in to affect until the summer season of Little League.
- Town park tennis registration, bandstand programs
 - Fees to remain the same
 - Investigating online registration services
 - Will start advertising soon mentioning the potential for online registration
- Draper Field dugouts, dogs
 - A dugout improvement plan was submitted by HYB and approved by the HPC. HYB will next bring the plan to Conservation Commission for review and approval.
 - Don Howes noted that more keys are needed and on order.

- Fin & Feather 2018 year review, 2019 proposal
 - Jeff LeClaire presented a check due to town for the 2018 program.
 - The 2019 plan will mirror past years and include a June fishing derby, continue paddling on concert nights, summer kid camp/clinics. Fees for activities will remain the same as they were in 2018. Approved.
- Phillips Field updates, requests by adult softball league, and MHYSA practice
 - The request for the use of Phillips Field by a local adult softball organization was approved, details to be worked out. Jim will ask them to coordinate calendars with the High School and HYGS.
 - School buses are temporarily parked at Philips Field. Temporary electricity has been run to service the busses in the winter. The Town is discussing adding lights for security. One light has already been added near the street, not shining towards neighbors, aimed toward the fields and not the street. Police are monitoring more frequently.
 - Fence at the entrance to the field was damaged by a car. Mr Fence is repairing at reduced labor rate, billed to driver.
 - Discussed MHYS request for practice space during the spring season. Jim to inform MHYS to review the high school schedule and find time.
- Pond, bathhouse
 - HPC si reviewing options for repairing the ramp at the bathhouse.
 - The HPC will never deem safe the ice on Hopedale Pond. Residents are urged not to venture on to the ice.

Public Comment - lengthy items

None

Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

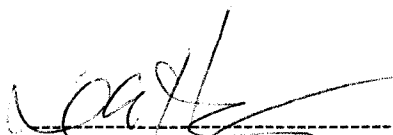
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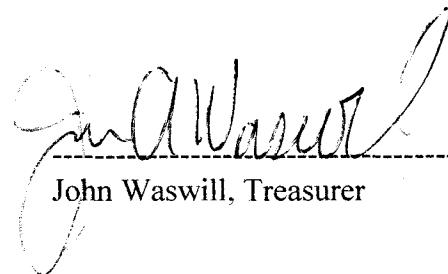
Bills


- Tulip tree removal bill came to \$4550. Up to \$5k approved a prior HPC meeting.
- The Utiliplay surface bill for the playground at Philips was to be paid by the Disability Commission but has not yet bene paid. Don to follow up. An overage of \$760 to be paid for by HPC. Approved MSDV pay from the revolving account.
- The bill for the removal of the Pine Hill tree has revised to be within the \$1500 previously approved amount.

Adjourn - 20:20

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