



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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### Park Commission

Don Howes, Chair  
Jim Abbruzzese  
John Waswill

## November 29, 2018 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Draper Room, Town Hall

**Call to Order:** 19:05

### Attendance

- Park Commission: Don Howes, John Waswill, Jim Abbruzzese
- Public: Brandt Wajda, Bryan Stone

**Approval of Minutes:** Oct.18, 2018 – Approved Unanimous

### Correspondence and requests

- Class of 1968 thanked the HPC for allowing them to use various areas for their class reunion, even though it had been rained out.
- Sacred Heart Church requested the ability to put signs at the Adin St Triangle. Approved
- The HPC has received resumes for Town Park Summer Program. A message about accepting resumes will be added to the HPC webpage and Facebook page.

### Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

### Review previous action items

- Phillips Field
  - Irrigation has been winterized. Soccer goals will be moved after ground freezes to prevent sunken tire tracks.
  - Hopedale Youth Girls Softball has postponed their field work due to the extensive rain.
- Town Park - Tennis & Bandstand programs
  - Don Howes has begun searching for online registration options. Jim Abbruzzese will continue the search.
  - The men's and women's bathrooms have been winterized and doors locked. The family bathroom is heated and will be left open until after the Winter Stroll.
- Pet waste station
  - No new waste stations have been installed due lack of time and volunteers. Signs are still pending.

### New Business

- Brandt Wajda request for Book Sharing Kiosk
  - Brandt Wajda volunteered the donation of a "Little Free Library" style book exchange. After discussion it was decided that it will be placed at Town Park and mounted to the

playground fence and taken down during the winter. Approved and noted that Mr. Wajda will not be responsible for maintenance.

- Playing fields ad hoc committee updates
  - Jim provided an update on the committee's actions to date and discussed the open survey regarding the town's current recreational facilities.
- Draper Field
  - Bryan Stone introduced himself as the Hopedale Youth Baseball contact.
    - Reviewed previous lock changes
  - Usage fees, improvements, requests
    - To be determined but not to be raised above what has been charged to other youth sports groups. Currently \$5 per child per season. To be discussed further at the December HPC meeting.
  - Dugouts
    - Don recommended the use of spiral anchors instead of concrete footings. These do not require digging.
    - Brandt (also a member of the HYBA board but not attending the meeting in this capacity) discussed the HYBA board's intent to fence in the dugouts of the baseball fields where the dugouts had been removed due to damage. Roofed dugouts are a future potential improvement.
    - Don also suggested the potential for the old cement dugouts at the senior field to use be used as a mounting anchor (not seating) for a future structure. He also suggested coated welded wire chain link for fencing around the dugouts.
  - Porta Johns
    - Discussed that HPC will manage portable toilets at Draper Field going forward.
- Cross Country Eagle Scout Project update
  - The project's cross-country directional signs were made out of non-pressure treated wood but will be remade with pressure treated.
- Bills & Invoices
  - The idea for fees for bus transportation for the summer program field trips was discussed. Don will see if he can find out how many kids attended each outing last year.
  - Don has incurred expenses for the purchase of additional sign boards for the summer tennis program as well as temporary signs for the pet waste and trash.

### **Public Comment - lengthy items**

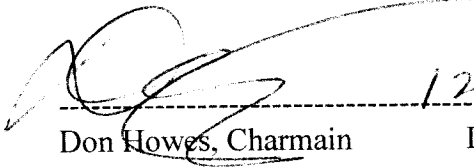
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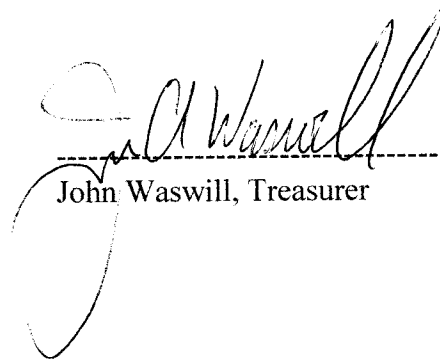
### **Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours**

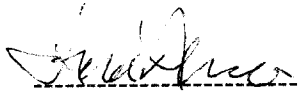
Jim received a proposal from Jeff LeClaire of Fin and Feather for 2019 activities. To be reviewed and discussed at future meeting.

### **Adjourn: 20:20**

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 12/13/18  
Don Howes, Charmain Date

 13 DEC 2018  
John Waswill, Treasurer Date

 12/15/2018  
Jim Abbruzzese, Secretary Date

