



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Park
Commission**
Don Howes, Chair
Jim Abbruzzese
David Sprowl

September 26, 2019 Meeting 7:00pm Draper Room, Town Hall

Call to Order at 7 PM

Attendance

Park Commission: Don Howes, Jim Abbruzzese, David Sprowl

Park Clerk: Mary Arcudi

Welcome new member - David Sprowl to the Hopedale Park Commission. David has been sworn in on September 24th by the Town Clerk.

Reorganization of Board

After a brief review of interest in the chairmanship, David Sprowl made a motion to nominate Don Howes to remain as chairman of the HPC. Motion was seconded by Jim Abbruzzese and the motion passes unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: August 22, 2019 *MSDV Approved with the correction on the spelling of Mr. Van Doren's name.

Correspondence and requests

- Don Howes discussed quotes received from Bob Garrigan regarding the removal of the tall dead tree on the upper right field on the Northrop street side and the large tree at Town Park where the top crown is gone. A discussion was held to speak with the Hopedale Tree Warden on sharing some of the cost of removal of these two trees and Don Howes will report back at the next meeting.
- The HPC has a quote from Harrison McPhee for extensive work to prune all trees on Dutcher Street from the bathroom facility to Park Street on Northrop Street. This expense may be one to consider a Capital expense for the annual Town Meeting. Don Howes will inquire with the Town Administrator on what this process entails and if it can be placed on this November's town meeting.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

Dog Park at Draper Field

The HPC reached out to CDM Smith in regards to creating a dog park at Draper Field. Any activities involving this property must be approved by CDM Smith in accordance with the Donation Agreement between Rockwell and the Town of Hopedale and the limited use restrictions placed on the property. At

this point in time, Rockwell agrees that the dog park, as proposed would meet the intent of the Donation Agreement. The town must engage its own Licensed Site Professional to consult during the design of the project and oversight, provide Rockwell with any conceptual designs and provide timely notice of construction allowing Rockwell's representative to be on site during construction.

HPC will pass this information along to Lisa Dubois who is heading this project for her next steps. It was also requested that the board request to be placed on the Board of Selectmen's next meeting to inform the board of potential dog park at Draper Field.

Bocce Court at Town Park

Lisa Dubois is also heading this project and has spoken to Blackstone Valley Tech regarding design and plans. Donations are being procured and volunteers are joining in to assist in the construction.

Update on Go Go Goat Mowers

The goats were hard at work for just over two weeks to clear the brush along the pond area and this project was well received. On Saturday September 21st, eleven volunteers assisting in the clean up of the brush and vines so that the Highway Department could easily remove which took seven truck loads. The HPC discussed having the goats return to continue to clear all the way to the culvert. Jim Abbruzzese made a motion to allocate \$500 to hire Go Go Goats Mowers for an additional week. Motion seconded by David Sprowl and motion passed unanimously in favor.

Bath House project

This project has been on hold and Jim Abbruzzese contacted Blackstone Valley Tech to confirm that they are still onboard. HPC would pull the building permit and BVT would be the licensed contractor. Once the Building Inspector is back from vacation Jim will follow up with him on the permitting. Plans are good to go. Forms are filed with the DEP for parking space and drainage area and waiting for their response. The next step would be to meet with the Conservation Commission.

Quote to Prep/Paint tennis wall and courts and basketball courts

David Farrar has been hired to paint and seal the tennis courts and basketballs along with the tennis court wall for \$550. Jim Abbruzzese made a motion to allocate \$550 to David Farrar to paint tennis wall, courts and basketball courts, seconded by David Sprowl. Motion passes unanimously in favor. Jim will speak with the Athletic Director, Stephanie Ridolfi to review the resurfacing of the courts and obtaining the required quotes. This cost could be close to \$25,000 and will need to be a line item request for the spring Town meeting, co-sponsored by the school and the HPC.

HYBA Dugout Plan

All required plans requested by CDM Smith regarding the dugouts have been received by the HPC including the building permit application and are now ready to be sent by the HPC to CDM Smith.

Phillips Field Fencing - Quote from Hawkeye Fence

This quote is for the guardrail protection for the parking area at Phillips Field. The quote is \$2600 to install our guardrails, labor, hardware and rail ends. Previous quote was for \$3800 which included wood which would be more inline with the current fencing at Phillips Field. Jim Abbruzzese requested to update this quote and reconsider both before making a decision.

Update on Mosquito spraying of HPC playing fields

The triple E threat is still intact and aerial spraying is ongoing which superseded the request for the trucks to spray the fields.

HPC Website review of current FAQ

The board will review the website and come back to the next meeting with feedback on what to delete, edit or add to the frequently asked questions.

Second read on new forms - Key sign out form and HPC Usage request form

The board approves of the new key out sign form. It was requested that the board consider combining the usage request form with the sign form. This will be revised to be considered for the next meeting.

New Business

Intown Sports Usage fees - HY Softball, HY Baseball and Babe Ruth League

An invoice needs to go to the Babe Ruth League based on their roster of participants. A motion was made by Jim Abbruzzese to waive the usage fee for HY Softball for 2019 due to their financial support and improvements made by volunteers. Motion seconded by David Sprowl and motion passes unanimously in favor.

Quote for Varsity Baseball field renovations - North Turf Inc.

The HPC has an extensive quote from North Turf Inc to renovate the varsity baseball field which is done to maintain the field every five years or so. This quote is for \$14, 445.00. The board will review options on how to pay this expense and will report back at the next meeting.

Worcester County Sheriff's Office - Community Service Dept.

In the past, the Sheriff's office has allowed members of their community service department to assist in projects in the town of Hopedale. Don Howes requested that the board consider having volunteers clear the brush and vines in the park/parklands with supervision. The board agreed to send a letter inquiring if this is possible.

Quote for plant removal, trimming, pruning and planting from Rosado & Sons

This quote is to improve and enhance Adin Ballou Park. It includes pricing to remove all vines and dead arborvitaes, install 4 new arborvitaes, trim all plants and remove 2 trees along the sidewalk, install 2 new trees and edging and mulch. Jim Abbruzzese asked that the board consider contacting the Friends of Historic Hopedale to assist in the cost and Hon Howes will follow up with them.

Offer to paint the Pondside benches

A volunteer has offered to paint the pondside benches this Saturday September 28th. Sue Ciarmicoli, from the Little Red Shop Committee has left over paint and has donated it to this project.

Bills & Invoices

- Invoice for bus use summer program - Revolving Account needs vote to approve
Jim Abbruzzese made a motion to approve and pay the invoice for the busses for the summer program in the amount of \$892.98, seconded by David Sprowl. Motion passes unanimously in favor.
- Bills were received from the Athletic Department for the paint for lining fields \$714.95 and \$51.95.

Public Comment - lengthy items

None

Report of board members

The board wanted to thank Sheila Embree for her consideration to be a member of the HPC.

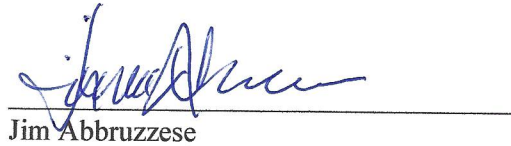
Adjourn at 8:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Arcudi, HPC Clerk



Don Howes, Chairman



Jim Abbruzzese



David Sprowl

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