



# TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission  
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## Park Commission Meeting Minutes 16 June, 2016

Meeting called to order by Don Howes at 19:03

Present: Rob Jackson, Don Howes, John Waswill, Dave Guglielmi, Chris McCall

### *Approval of Minutes May 19, 2016*

MSDV Unanimous with one change - masonry, not masonic

### *Review Previous Action items*

- Key system - Issue with door at Town Park. All keys have been distributed. Closed
- No definitive answer regarding the insurance needs as of yet. For birthday parties and simple things, continue as is. Handle on a case by case basis.
- Wedding - Cleanup was great, no trash, etc. Send thanks from the board.
- Calendar - Still working to get the calendar work.

### *Public comment*

- Review questions/comments from the audience at the beginning of the meeting. Add as a normal course of business - requests and questions at the beginning of the meeting.

### *Field Usage fees: including tournaments, trash, and porta johns*

- Need to revisit fee structure for tournaments. Last tournament at Phillips field resulted in 1.5-2 hours in work including picking up trash. For baseball, just to do the nail drag is 1+ hours. HYGSA puts in about 40 hours to setup the fields. We need to take an action to review the cost and fee structure for field usage.

### *Trees*

- Tree branch fell in high winds of last week. Branch showed no signs from the ground of having an issue. Nobody has done a replanting in order to replace the trees that are growing old. Need to ask for more money in the future for tree maintenance. 3-4 trees that could use \$300-\$400 a piece along the shore between the Little Red Shop and the Bath House.

### *Irrigation Phillip's Field*

- New England Irrigation performed the work required, original quote was \$1350 but the total came to just over \$2000. Several heads were replaced, and they found and replaced a valve. We are waiting on another estimate to come back and trace the one missing zone. Estimate is between \$250 and \$350 to complete the work necessary.

### *Playground at Phillips Field*

- Estimates to install using our labor but a professional to oversee the work. There are several ideas regarding placement of the new playground. HPC will meet again at a special to review the layout.

### *Park Highway worker*

- All changes accepted with exception to HPC sitting on hiring process. Only Liaison will be involved in the process

### *Eagle Scout kiosk project*

- Dug two holes for kiosk location at Hazel St. Don provided tools and a key to the gate. Map will have a QR code in order to download the map. Three map locations, Hazel St., Trail head at the bath house, Trail head at Freedom St. entrance.

### *Rustic bridge*

- Work should be starting very soon.

### *Summer help*

- Received a bill from Barry. Tomorrow is the first day in to get keys and arrangements. Tennis workers have a key to the lower bandstand, Barry has a master key. More work in the general cleanup of items - general trash in the park. Another group to rake and clean the sand in the playground area. Training of defibrillator to be done.

### *Bills, invoices, etc.*

- Pond money. Check came in filled out wrong. Lost full time accountant. We won't know what we can do until tomorrow. Was hoping to use money to go to Solitude lake management. Issues with communication with Solitude. Original proposal didn't have a contract sheet that we would sign and return. Paperwork is in with Becky from Solitude. Much thanks to Dave G.

- Other bills. John will scan the bills and distribute.

- Issue with defibrillator bill - bill should be 'product billing' and not 'sales order confirmation.'

### *Potential second June meeting*

- Leaving open pending other schedules.

### *Other topics no anticipated in the last 48 hours*

- Discussion with Hopedale Jays regarding concern over the fact that for the Hopedale Jays only 3 out of the 18 athletes on the roster, far below the 51% requirement. John was on HYBA for 8 years, ending 5 years ago. For this time HYBA complied with all of the requirements for the field use. No problem with the Babe Ruth teams as they meet the roster requirements. "Hopedale Jays are for primarily Hopedale Players." Concern over if there were Hopedale kids cut from the team. There are 6 games remaining in the Jays schedule. Board will allow the season to continue, but the lack of advance submission of the paperwork can't happen again. Board asking if any Hopedale people were cut from the team, and is also asking about the number of Hopedale kids in the previous year.

HYBA will do their own maintenance and supplies moving forward. There was concern about protecting the pitching mound. Groups need to have a much better communication in the future. Secretary to issue invoice for \$372.

- Note, can't use lime in the grass. It builds up. Need to use paint in the grass areas.

- Approval of John Smith - Secretary to follow up with John Smith Sports

- Friends of Adin Ballou - no problems with the peace picnic.

- Regarding the school field day, the park looked cleaner when they were done due to the outstanding cleanup work led by Dan Bougery.

- Problem with basketball players and the litter that they leave behind. If they continue to litter we will shut the lights off. Note to anybody that plays.

Motion to Adjourn, 20:40, seconded.

**\*Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted \*\* Roll Call Vote**

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