



# TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission  
Don Howes (Chair)  
Rob Jackson  
John Waswill

## Park Commission Meeting Minutes 20 October, 2016

Meeting called to order by Don Howes at 19:00, Hopedale Town Hall

Present: Rob Jackson, Don Howes, John Waswill  
Citizens: Chris Olsen, 14 Larkin Lane, [hybacrolsen@nalco.com](mailto:hybacrolsen@nalco.com)

### *Approval of Minutes September 15, 2016*

- Motion to approve 9/15 minutes, made by Rob, seconded by John.

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

- Notification that Chris McCall is no longer the primary contact for Hopedale Youth Baseball. Chris Olsen is the new representative.

### Review Previous Action Items

#### *Future Playground Area Review*

- Phillips Brothers Monument: When the work is completed, the monument will be moved, as agreed upon with Mrs. Phillips, to the part of the garden with the rhododendrons and the sign.
- The increased use of the parking lot, and the decreasing daylight, are making it difficult to grade the space for the parking lot. The gate for the park will be locked on Monday, leaving the opening/closing of the park up to the contractor. This will help facilitate the roadway grading.
- Guardrail will be paid 100% by contractor, galvanized steel posts and a wooden rail across the top. The actual donation is \$8000. If the actual cost is less, the surplus money will be used elsewhere on the project.
- Discussions with the Disabilities commission - The Park Commission may potentially have access to a fund that has been set aside for 'removing obstacles.' The chairman has been working with Ulitplay about potentially additional 'accessible' playground equipment.

#### *Trees*

- Discussion regarding a Red oak or River Birch to replace the ash tree in left center field in town park. The board believes that a preferable location for a replacement tree would be by the Little Red Shop

#### *Irrigation Phillip's Field*

- There will be a 2" plastic line under ground from the existing fence behind the first baseline to the telephone pole. The goal to pull a water line through, irrigation controls, or power at a later time. Bringing water to the sign at Phillips Field would allow us to water that garden appropriately.

#### *Park Highway Worker*

- Things are progressing well with Highway Park Commission person hired last month.

#### *Discussion Regarding Facility Use Guidelines*

- Secretary to E-mail the document to a list of people to notify of the procedure, requesting affirmative response of the letter. Also post an abbreviated version of the letter on the Facebook

page. Don to accept changes/print and sign, scan, and get it to Rob for distribution

## New Business

### *Town Park*

- Thanks to the Hopedale Cultural Council for an amazing work with day in the park. We do want to adjust how people come in for check-in and bringing their vehicles into the park, so they aren't driving into the sun and flow of traffic is one-way.
- Handicapped bathroom station upgrades - Chairman delivering proposal to potential benefactor tomorrow. If the project does go forward, water will be shutoff and toilets will be unavailable, and the doors for the existing restrooms will be locked. We will be leaving the porta-john there for the duration of the project.

### *Capital Planning Discussion*

- Town hall is requesting we start documenting paper plans for long term funding/projects. All members should bring any ideas to the next meeting for discussion.

### *Scoreboard Update*

- Phillips Field - Thanks to the HYGSA, boosters, class of 2016 and many volunteers, driven by Mike Smith, there is a working electronic scoreboard at Phillips Field. There are two controllers, one owned by the school and one by HYGSA. The scoreboard is used for Softball, Lacrosse and Soccer (one game at a time).

### *Parklands and parkland parking*

- There have been discussions with fire chief and police chief regarding parking situation at the bath house. Police Chief would like to see more parking available as well. Potentially, we can move the handicapped spot and create three spots with a 2 hour max, no overnight parking, etc. The new handicapped space would be at the very first table next to the boat ramp.
- Don would like to create a 3-4 car lot, same guidelines, at Dutcher st. location. Chairman will call a special meeting to discuss at the location.
- We are also looking at a potential replacement gate for the chain gate down near the bath house.

### *Bills & Invoices*

- Nothing particularly new. All Ace and National Grid. Approved

### *Public Comment - lengthy items*

Motion to close 19:43. MSDV Unanimous

Hopedale Parks Commission

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

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