



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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**Park
Commission**
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Hopedale Park Commission

March 17, 2022

Meeting Agenda

7:00 pm Remote Meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Sprowl at 7:05 pm.

Attendance

Park Commission: David Sprowl, Michael Reynolds, Micheal Ledone

Clerk: Mary Arcudi

Guest: Ricardo Lima, Stephanie Thomas, Monica Phillips, Scott Galante

Mike Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2022 seconded by Mike Ledone. All were in favor.

Announcements, correspondences and requests

- A Park Usage request was submitted by Kristen Ledone, Milford/Hopedale Youth Field Hockey for their summer clinics. Mike Reynolds made a motion to accept this request, seconded by Mike Ledone and all were in favor.
- Sally Decelles, Hopedale Cultural Council submitted their annual Park Usage requests for summer band concerts and Day in the Park. Mike Reynolds made a motion to accept these requests, seconded by Mike Ledone and all were in favor.
- The HPC received a request from CMRPC regarding the Open Space Committee for Park Commission board members input on Park/Parkland concerns/interests. Mike Reynolds completed this form and sent it back to the committee. The draft by this committee is still a work in progress and is very important for future access to any grants for the Park Commission.
- Information was received from Blue Cross/Blue Shield regarding a National Fitness Campaign. This is a grant for an outdoor fitness facility and would require a \$100,000 expense to the town to receive the additional \$50,000 grant.
- The HPC has received and read the approved Code of Ethics from the Select Board.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- Park Clerk position applications were sent to the board and they will move forward on interviews in the coming days.
- The Communication Board was installed at Town Park and is being well received.
- FY23 Budget was discussed and the clerk will reach out to the Finance Committee as to when they will review it with the board.

New Business

- Tree that needed immediate attention was removed near Hazel Street entrance to the Parklands by Monster Tree. They also removed another tree that was leaning at no additional cost.

- The Highway Department proposed to smooth the path from the bathhouse to the garage with regrinds. The board agreed that this would be helpful as this area is muddy and Mike Ledone asked if regrinds could be added along the tennis court path all the way to the entrance to the bathrooms. A discussion was held to make sure using the regrinds was approved by the Conservation Commission. Mike Ledone made a motion to allow the Highway Department to smooth the path from the bathhouse to the garage and the area near the tennis courts pending approval from the Conservation Commission. Mike Reynolds seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- The 2022 Summer Program is gearing up and Edda Phillips will be the new manager of both the bandstand crafts and the tennis program. She is hiring the returning staff and looking for additional positions to be filled. Mike Reynolds requested she receive a key to the bandstand. The registration will be posted on the webpage. A review of the tennis fees was held and Mike Reynolds made a motion to increase all tennis fees by \$5.00, seconded by Mike Ledone and all were in favor.
- Pond Treatment schedule was received from Water and Wetlands. The clerk will work with the contractor regarding the payment schedule. Mike Reynolds made a motion to approve the proposed pond weed control schedule and the payment schedule. Motion seconded by Mike Ledone and all were in favor.
- Spring sports fields/facility readiness was reviewed. The issue with the tennis courts and the unaffordable expense was discussed. Mike Reynolds felt this could still be a warrant article for the May 2022 Town Meeting and will discuss this with the Finance Committee. The tennis court nets were reinstalled by the Highway Department. The Town Park bathrooms are planning to open on March 18, 2022 barring any repairs that may need to be completed. Supplies are needed for town park fields and will be reviewed at the next meeting. Hopedale Youth Baseball has their batting cages up. The lacrosse fields need to be lined and clay, dirt mix and soil treatments along with grass seed are needed for the ball fields. Mike Reynolds made a motion to allocate up to \$2,000 to get the Draper, Phillips Fields and Town Park up and running. Motion seconded by Mike Reynolds and all were in favor.

Bills and Invoices

- Dog Waste Depot waste and can liners have been ordered and delivered to the Highway Department.

Public Comment - lengthy items

None

Report of board members

Mike Ledone reported that he has decided to run for reelection this May and at this time is unopposed. The fence repair at Northrup Street area will begin on March 21, 2022. Currently no police detail is needed. Mike spoke with Don Howes and reminded him that the board had committed to finish the park benches for the Parklands that were donated by Tracey Phillips and the Friends of Historic Hopedale. Mike will take this project on.

Mike also spoke with Jeff Leclaire at Fin and Feather regarding the summer clinics. He is working with Jeff to reorganize the fees required from Jeff when using the Pond and Parkland areas.

Mike Reynolds made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm, seconded by Mike Ledone and all were in favor.