



## TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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### Park Commission

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### Hopedale Park Commission

July 21, 2022

### Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm Remote Meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Reynolds at 7:05pm.

### Attendance

Park Commission: Michael Reynolds, Micheal Ledone

Guest: Walter Swift, Sue Ciaramicoli, representing the Historical Commission, Monica Phillips

Michael Ledone made a motion to approve the July 21, 2022 minutes, seconded by Michael Reynolds. All were in favor.

### Announcements, correspondences and requests

- Apple Music Together submitted a request to use the Town Park. Michael Ledone made a motion to approve the request pending submission of a Park Usage Form. Michael Reynolds seconded; all were in favor.
- Master Plan Services and Facilities Questionnaire will be submitted.
- Steve Bosma and Highway Department have done an excellent job (trimming trees, removing trees from the Parklands, wasp nest removed). Bathrooms have been painted and bandstand roof/bathroom roof cleaned.
- Gender neutral sign added to the family bathroom at the Town Park, thanks to Greg Habel's recommendation.
- Bleachers are supposed to be delivered 7/22, installed and moved to Draper and Phillips Fields.
- Michael Reynolds will contact Kristen Poisson and give her a key to the Bathhouse for BBC's Forest Friends. Michael Ledone will go down and clear out the bathhouse in the event the class must take shelter due to inclement weather.
- The board received correspondence from Diana Schindler, Glenda Hazard & Walter Swift regarding the approved location for a potential bocce court. Mike Reynolds explained there is no project/definitive plan. The bocce court was discussed back in 2020 before the Pandemic and was approved for the Town Park. The board was approached recently again with a request to change the location to Ballou Park. The board did their due diligence to see if it was possible – it is and was approved as a potential bocce court location. Walter Swift stated he did not think it is the right spot and suggested an alternative location, although did not state the location he was proposing. Mike Reynolds explained there were several locations suggested to build the bocce court, and that the Park Commission has no financial commitment. Mike Ledone explained the group has collected money but does not have enough to move forward with the project. Mike Ledone also recommended that if anyone is interested or has suggestions or concerns, to please join the meetings. Sue Ciaramicoli, on behalf of the Historical Commission, went on the record that the Historical Commission requests no further action be taken until conditions of ownership are officially reviewed. Mike Ledone asked Mike Reynolds, if possible, to make a motion to take Ballou Park off the table for the potential bocce

court. Mike Reynolds again, reiterated that there was no plan to execute a bocce court at Ballou Park. Mike Ledone made a motion that Ballou Park be removed from the list of approved locations for recreational use, including bocce. Mike Reynolds seconded, all in favor. Tara Chambers asked about further use, such as Holiday Stroll at Ballou Park. Will still be able to use Ballou for Holiday Stroll. Tara also asked about the funds, where the funds were. Mike Ledone and Mike Reynolds do not know where the funds are held.

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

None

#### **Review previous action items**

- Cub Scout sleepover at Town Park. Issue with bathrooms being locked – Michael Reynolds went down and opened bathrooms.

#### **New Business**

- The board received an email regarding the practice net at the tennis courts. The net above the green practice wall was falling. Michael Reynolds had gone down and fixed it. He also sprayed weed killer on the tennis courts. Michael Reynolds received quote to repair tennis courts, over \$300,000, not including fence. Another company will come and give a second quote.

#### **Bills and Invoices**

- A number of bills and invoices came in, Michael Reynolds had signed all bills. The board is up to date on bills.

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

#### **Report of board members**

- Michael Ledone had spoken to an individual about bringing out soccer nets, Steve will bring them out. Michael Reynolds said they will use the sprinklers as much as they can at Phillips Field, to try to maintain the grass as much as possible. Reynolds has been in touch with Chris Larson to try to have all fields lined by August 22<sup>nd</sup> for high school sports.
- Michael Reynolds mentioned the Draper Field gate, spoke to Schwachman. Schwachman will bring in a vendor to fix the gate and will make sure the gate lock will use the same key that everyone already has.
- Request from GURR for documentation corresponding to Rockwell, including test results. Michael Reynolds will follow up with Kristen to see if there is any documentation the Park Commission may have.
- Michael Ledone wants to make teeball field 2 ready to be played on. Wants to bring in loam, in the fall, level it and plant grass seed. He will put it on the agenda for the August meeting.

Michael Ledone made a motion to adjourn. Michael Reynolds seconded. All in favor