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Park Commission

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Hopedale Park Commission

August 18, 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, David Reynolds

Clerk: Kristen Ledone

Guest: Tony Salgado, Monica Phillips

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

Announcements, correspondences and requests

- Tony Salgado would like to volunteer to help find grants for tennis courts. Mike Reynolds explained we are having a feasibility study completed to create a plan for the tennis courts and town park. Will be looking for Grants, federal aid, local politicians to collect funds. The board accepts Tony's offer to help with the process. David Sprowl will reach out to a grant writer in another town for templates/suggestions.
- Kristen Poisson correspondence regarding offer from Bartlett Tree. Reynolds forwarded email to Becca Solomon for her recommendation/input, but he has not received a response from her yet.
- Town Park bathrooms ongoing issues. Mike Ledone brought the topic to the agenda. There has been vandalism. Mike Ledone approved the removal of the paper towel dispensers; he told Steve the board would purchase signs to put up around the bathroom area. David Sprowl was extremely disappointed. Mike Reynolds suggested hiring a cleaning company to alleviate the responsibility from the highway department. Reynolds said he would get some quotes for a cleaning service and surveillance cameras.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- FOIA request, Mike Reynolds submitted all documentation he had on hand and Kristen checked email and files.
- The Historical Commission has no update on the ownership of Ballou Park, research could take several months.
- Walter Swift did not respond to our email looking for an update on the location as an option for a proposed bocce court he had mentioned at the last meeting.

New Business

- Correspondence from Diana Schindler. Mike Reynolds and Diana Schindler had met with the firm Tighe & Bond. Asked several questions and then put together a plan to begin the feasibility study process. Mike Ledone asked if turf could be included in the feasibility study. The firm mentioned that they could potentially reposition the tennis courts to help with drainage. Study will include walls, lighting, infrastructure, drainage. They will put together multiple maps with multiple options and potential costs.

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

- Mike Reynolds updated the board on the condition of the fields as we are in the middle of a drought. Steve tried over the summer to water the field at Phillips - did not make much of a difference. Chris Larson will be lining the fields prior to tryouts next week.
- Mike Ledone mentioned the lock at the Bandstand is not working - there is a padlock currently on the door - which is not a universal lock.
- Mike Ledone and Mike Reynolds agreed the summer program went smoothly. Will work through the winter to find areas where they can expand the program. Monica Phillips wanted to mention it was a hot summer for the program - participation was low. A lot of tennis parents never showed up. Suggested to pay with registration to prevent families from no-showing. Edda had made mention that maybe a teacher or adult could work part time and help run the program. Monica is working on getting quotes for tennis courts and then will apply for a grant.

David Sprowl made a motion to adjourn. Mike Ledone seconded. All in favor