



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

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Hopedale Park Commission

September 14

Meeting Minutes

6:00 pm Remote Meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Reynolds at 6:07pm.

Attendance

Park Commission: Michael Reynolds, Micheal Ledone

Clerk: Kristen Ledone

Guest:

Michael Ledone made a motion to approve the August 18, 2022 minutes, seconded by Mike Reynolds. All were in favor.

Announcements, correspondences and requests

- Lorene Hunt & Sarah Hunt made a request to donate trex benches to the town. Her preference is Draper as a field hockey player. Reynolds voiced concerns about location, not a lot of eyes and ears down there. There is an empty slab that has been poured along the pond, as a possible location. Mike Ledone explained the process as far as installing them. Cannot dig down into Draper. Will accept donations, with reservations in regards to the Draper location.
- Carole Mullen requested signage for the Council on Aging's 51st anniversary in various locations. Mike Ledone made a motion to accept a request for signage, Reynolds seconded. All in favor.
- Consuelo Staheli made a request for cub scout overnight 9/16. Reynolds shared concerns with Day in the Park conflict. Ledone does not have an issue with it - as long as they are aware that they have to be cleaned up early and are aware that they cannot fill the trash cans prior to Day in the Park. Place tents far away from the Bandstand so they are not interfering with the vendors setting up early Saturday morning. They will have to bring their trash with them when they leave. Ledone made a motion to approve, Reynolds seconded with the mentioned contingencies.
- Mhyfh, Baseball, softball usage fees invoices will be sent out.
- Mike Reynolds opened the topic of Lot A. Parks has done research and feasibility studies in the past in regards to recreation at Lot A. Ledone spoke and explained that Lot A is owned by Parks and the driveway is also owned by Parks. The level area is large enough for an athletic field. The regrinds could be used and leveled to create a parking lot, gravel driveway. Kristen Brown, living in Harmony, explained how excited she was to get a new field in town. Reynolds admitted athletic fields are sub par in town - without the support of youth sports - they would be in worse shape than they currently are. Rick Lima - asked if it was possible to utilize money from the warehouse, Arpa money also - town should raise money and put it aside to improve the location. Kristen Ledone offered to contribute Youth Field Hockey money. Engineering study would need to be done, how much parking is necessary would need to be figured out. Mike Ledone mentioned the Hopedale Foundation in conjunction with the Arpa and warehouse money would make a turf field possible. Katie Federico, living in Harmony, stated the jv field hockey team at the high school has 2

home games because teams will not play at Draper. She would like to keep the topic on the agenda. Mike Ledone suggested making it a usable field and property. Mike Reynolds wants to discuss with Diana Schindler to figure out what steps are next. Lima suggested the town move forward and try to get turf/lights. David Morrissey mentioned that Medway has turf fields, and rents them out as a revenue stream. Mike Reynolds is concerned that turf fields need to be replaced every 5-10 years. Mike Ledone will take an action item to meet with Diana to see what the next step would be and possibly meet with the Select Board. Will ask if Arpa funds could be used for an engineering study. Will be put on the next meeting as an agenda item. Reynolds will pull all feasibility study info that the ad hoc committee had done. Chris Lombardi also spoke, Harmony resident, wants a field in Lot A.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- Lock for bandstand is all set. Reimbursements have been taken care of.
- Video surveillance at the park is actually operational, 5-10 years ago video was disconnected. Reynolds spoke with Chief Daige and Chief asked if Parks would split the cost with the fire department to reconnect- initial set up cost would be \$2500. .

New Business

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

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