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Hopedale Park Commission
June 15, 2023
Meeting Minutes
7:00 pm Remote Meeting via Zoom

Attendance

Park Commission: Mike Reynolds, Chris Larson

Clerk:

Guests:

Mike Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Chris made a motion to approve minutes from May 18, 2023. Mike R seconded. All were in favor.

Announcements, correspondences and requests

- Correspondence from Ryan Hayes regarding Hoops for Hopes usage request. Mike R was fine moving forward, as this is an annual event. Chris L made a motion to accept the request, seconded by Mike R. All were in favor.
- Mike L had a conversation with members from BBC regarding the Bathhouse. Mike L was not in attendance to discuss. The item will be moved to the next month's agenda.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

- None

Review previous action items

- The summer program is scheduled to begin June 26th and run through August 11th. The summer staff have been identified and their info has been passed along to the town accountant.
- Draper and tennis courts update. No updates as of now. Mike R stated that there is about \$20,000 remaining in the budget for the fiscal year. Discussions will need to be had regarding the remaining funds and where they can be best used.
- Discussion with Tighe and Bond regarding the rock wall improvements at the Town Park. Mike R had a meeting with Tighe and bond to discuss the study and how to repair the rock walls. The Park Commission has \$80,000 allocated for the engineering study, but not funds to repair/rebuild. High level estimate to repair the rock walls is roughly \$500,000. Chris L was curious if the wall would be rebuilt completely if the current wall could be saved. Mike R explained that the wall would have to be completely rebuilt.
- Adin Ballou Park updates. Chris L would like to have the dead bushes removed and replaced with some loam and seed. The bushes block the monument. Mike R has no issue with removing the dead shrubs. Chris has talked to Steve and will talk to Jerry about pulling out the bushes with the backhoe.

- The Bike Fixing Station and rack updates. Mike R met with Chris Nadeau and chose a location closest to the Boat Ramp. Chris L said that Jerry will be replacing Chris in the interim and will help move the project along. Mike R sent a message to Jonathon Chase and the staff at the Little Red Shop letting them know to expect a delay in the installation.
- Yearend budget, Parks operates conservative throughout the year in the event things pop up unexpectedly. Mike R suggested new sand for the playground, Mike L mentioned potentially adding concrete around the dugouts at Phillips Field. The Board has the pond weed treatment occurring soon, dead trees around the Town Park removed. Mike R suggested looking into options to improve Draper Field, Chris L would love to see something happen at Draper, would like to at least purchase the material for Draper. Mike R asked if Chris could drive down and look at Draper and see, in his professional opinion, what could potentially be done with the remaining budget. Chris will head down with his laser level and see if he can come up with a rough idea of how much loam would be needed.
- Mike R will reach out and get a couple truckloads of sand dropped at the playground. Mike will also contact concrete companies to get quotes for the dugouts at Phillips Field.

New Business

- None

Bills and Invoices

- Mike R had taken care of all bills. Monstree Tree invoice to be paid from tree work at Town Park.

Public Comment - lengthy items

- None

Report of board members

- Mike R reported that Tighe and Bond recommends meeting sometime in the fall to revisit the Town Park Revitalization project and the potential cost increases.

Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

- None

Chris made a motion to adjourn the June 15, 2023 meeting. Mike R seconded. All were in favor.