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Park Commission

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Hopedale Park Commission

August 16, 2023

Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm Remote Meeting via Zoom

Attendance

Park Commission: Mike Reynolds, Chris Larson, Mike Ledone

Clerk: Kristen Ledone

Guests:

Mike Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Bypass meeting minutes approval from July

Announcements, correspondences and requests -

- The Park Commission had received a request for a change of date for the Larry Olson 10k. Date request is October 14, 2023. Mike L made a motion to accept the date change, Chris L seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Cub scout request for an overnight at Town Park, September 16-17, in the left field area located close to the Bandstand. Kelly Alley submitted the request. Mike L made a motion to approve the request, Chris L seconded. All were in favor.

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

- None

Review previous action items -

- Regarding Draper Field updates, the material has been dropped. Chris L said he had talked to several members at the Highway Department about spreading the material. Steve Bosma had talked to Stephanie Ridolfi, and she requested to have Draper lined for the field hockey season. Mike R asked if the highway department had the capacity to line the fields for soccer and field hockey. Chris said he and Steve would head out at line the fields for fall sports. Mike R will plan on connecting with Stephanie Ridolfi to discuss spreading material at Draper.
- Sand was purchased for the playground. Chris L spoke with Steve about how to attack the sand spreading. Steve wants to get the backhoe in the playground area to scrape the weeds. The sand needs to move out of the highway barn before the winter.
- Rock wall updates at the Town Park. Mike R had joined the Selectboard meeting and presented the proposal from Tighe and Bond. The Selectboard approved the proposal for engineering work and the \$80,000 quote. Tighe and Bond will begin the preliminary work within the next couple of weeks. The Town Administrator and the Selectboard are on board to begin the process. From a level or prioritization

the compromised sidewalk and street will have to be addressed. Once the engineering study is completed and returned, the information will be given to the Town Administrator, Select Board and FinCom

New Business

- Mike R had a conversation with Steve Bosma. They discussed the bathrooms at Town Park and the considerable amount of recent vandalism. Fecal matter was smeared all over the bathroom walls and toilets in the women's bathroom and the family bathroom. Mike R had told Steve he would bring it to the board's attention and the potential for bringing in a cleaning company to clean the bathrooms over the summer months. Mike L suggested closing the bathrooms permanently and bringing in Porta Potties as an alternative.

Bills and Invoices

- Mike L had taken care of all bills.

Public Comment - lengthy items

- None

Report of board members

- The summer program has ended. Hudson said the summer went really smooth, no complaints. Mike R said they will discuss the future of the program and the cost of the program with not a lot of revenue. Mike L said maybe there are other opportunities to increase revenue or to help offset the costs.

Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

- Request from John Fumia to film at Draper. He is looking for a dirt location with a night shot. He felt that Draper Field was a good location to make a short film. He needed the location at 10pm. Chris L asked if he would need the gate unlocked, John said they could park outside the gate and walk in. Chris L also suggested speaking with HPD just to let them know people would be at the field after 10pm. Mike L made a motion to accept the request from John Fumia, Chris L seconded. All were in favor.

Mike L made a motion to adjourn the August 16, 2023 meeting. Chris L seconded. All were in favor.