



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

Don Howes, Chair
Jim Abbruzzese
John Waswill

May 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Draper Room, Town Hall

Call to Order – 19:05

Attendance

Park Commission: Don Howes, Jim Abbruzzese, Dave Guglielmi
Public: Matt Constanza

Approval of Minutes: April 18, 2019 - *MSDV Approved

Welcome of new member

The Park Commission welcomes Dave Guglielmi as its newest member.

Correspondence and requests

- Memorial School Council wants to place a sign at the Adin St triangle – approved
- Mr Bougery of the Memorial School requests the use of Town Park and the Bandstand for Field Day on May 29th - approved
- BoH – Reviewed list of years task. Recommended for similar for parks
- A resident requested to camp in various weather conditions in the Parklands - approved provided he gives 24 hours notice

Public Comment - Short Items (non-discussion)

None

Review previous action items

- Town park tennis registration, bandstand programs
 - Tennis Manager, Matt Costanza, provided an update on the tennis program registrations. Mostly beginners have signed up and he was looking for more elementary school aged kids to enroll. There had been 5-7 adults per class so far. Also looking to fill the 10am and 11am sessions for medium and advanced players.
 - Roughly 50 total players had confirmed so far. More advertising will be done on Facebook.
 - Additional summer employees have been hired by Ben Tahmouh (Summer Program Manager) and Matt.
 - A flier of activities will be developed by the program employees and approved at the next HPC meeting.
 - All bathroom facilities have been opened.
- Draper Field dogs/signs

- ‘No Dogs’ signs have been placed on the Senior Field backstop, the batting cage, and fence near the concession area. Each sign also notes that leashed dogs are allowed in the back of the park.
- Phillips Field updates, meeting of 4/10
 - A guard rail is to be installed at the upper area to protect the playground when used for supplemental parking for tournaments and larger events. Looking for help from the company previously used to install another guard rail at Phillips Field.
 - Irrigation needs yearly repairs. At one point it was turned on by someone other than a park employee and caused an underground leak that caused a sink hole. This caused game to be cancelled. The irrigation system has been locked to prevent future mistakes.
- Pond weeds
 - A letter is to be drafted and given to town counsel for them to deliver the owner of the Draper building. The HPC needs to be able to manage the pond to adjust the water level on a schedule. This is needed for the effective application of weed treatment.
- Bath house project
 - A DEP file number has been received for the ramp replacement. The building inspector wants a licensed contractor to sign for permits.
- Rustic Bridge repair proposals
 - The benefactor of this project is still reviewing the engineering proposal.
- Town Park drainage
 - Contacted Rooter Man and received a quote for draining system map. Up to \$400 for drain mapping was approved.
- Updates on Parklands
 - Randy Carbo will be helping again to clean and repair additional picnic tables.
 - Dave to contact the Fire Department about grills. Discussed possibly making them portable.
- Discussion of January review of field needs by intown groups
 - A new activities calendar will be kept to help the HPC remind the various groups with annual park use requests of the forms and possibly fees that are required. This information is often overlooked when the leadership of these groups change.
- Discussion of HPC clerk
 - A 4 hour per week position paid at \$15 per hour is within the HPC budget and a candidate has been identified. *MSDV approved to move forward with hiring.

New Business

- In-town field use and reservations
 - The park request form and fees are to be discussed when meeting with various youth sports groups
- Dogs in parks
 - While Dave G was walking his leashed dog in the Parklands, another leashed dog got loose from owner and attacked Dave’s dog. David and his dog were injured.
- Cable TV
 - An image stating ‘No Dogs’ in all town parks is to be added to the beginning of the recordings of Park Commission meetings.
- Bills & Invoices
 - Administrative work to be given to new clerk position. Bills will continue to be discussed at meetings.
 - Repairs and maintenance are over budget for the fiscal year, but bills can be reassigned to the revolving account to come back within budget.
 - The outstanding bill for the playground materials at Phillips Field is to be paid by the Selectmen.

- Infield mix and loom has been purchased from Macintyre Loom for fields.
- Other bills reviewed include National Grid, Chase Harris, Ace Hardware
- The outstanding National Grid bill has been resolved by Don. National Grid had this bill set up for electronic billing with no email address to send bill to. The bill has since been paid.

Public Comment - lengthy items

None

Other topics not anticipated in the last 48 hours

None

Adjourn - 2030

*MSDV – Motioned, Seconded, Discussed, Approved

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Don Howes

Dave Guglielmi

Jim Abbruzzese