



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

Dan Iacovelli, Chair
Bob Biagetti
Rob Jackson

Meeting, 12 June 2014

Meeting called to order approximately 18:15

Approved minutes from previous meeting

Elected offices for the 2014-2015 year

- Dan Iacovelli - Chair
- Robert A. Biagetti - Treasurer
- Robert Jackson - Secretary

Discussion on Summer Programs - Christian LaVache

- Additional requests for field use by High School soccer and Babe Ruth baseball.
- Chairman to collect dates and provide to Secretary for posting
- Chairman to compile a full contact list for common users of the parks - necessary for rescheduling and communications

Parks Tennis Program - Barry Gorman

- Starts 23rd June, adults on the 30th
- Need to check light timers and lights for the courts
- Chairman to provide updated list of full classes to be posted
- Rainy days potentially use boat house for activities

Signage

- Ordering new signs for park areas - No parking by boathouse, clean up after dogs, and don't feed the geese
- Numerous parking violations and dog droppings going unaddressed, hoping signs will help
- Previous signs were stolen - need to look into improved lighting around boathouse

Mellen Field - Still waiting on equipment to be delivered. We are way past the 8 week delivery and installation timeframe. Chairman to follow up with playground Equipment Company. Once equipment is installed, need to address ground cover/chips.

New Business

- Large discussion over status of pond and surrounding areas. Volunteer citizen to help with grant money to address storm water and goose pollution. Next submission for grant is May 2015, giving time to plan projects. 6-8 months after submission to find out if we receive the grant.
- Immediate adjustment to lawn care to discourage resident geese. Need to adjust long term grounds keeping to ensure habitat is not conducive to the geese.
- Best option for pond is dredging, but cost is extreme. Need to budget and institute a yearly plan for managing the invasive species in and around the pond.
- Discussion of metal slide on Dutcher St. Park. Concern about safety noted, will take note for future project.

Meeting adjourned 19:48