



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

Dan Iacovelli, Chair
Bob Biagetti
Rob Jackson

Meeting, 17 July 2014

Meeting called to order approximately 18:20

Minutes from 6/12 meeting approved unanimously

Discussion regarding solar lighting around park and boathouse area

- Current lights in tennis courts 1 and 2, playground, and boathouse are not working
- Wiring is frayed, difficult to get electricians to work on it, investigating solar options as an alternative
- Timers will also need to be replaced
- Chairman will contact electricians for estimate on terminating existing frayed wiring
- Treasurer to identify number of lights and locations that need repair

Park Signage

- Action to count and categorize existing signs - what do we have
- Action to count additional signs required and mounting options for each site - need an option to deter theft and vandalism
- Kiosks for park entrances need to be constructed. Chairman will reach out to Tree Warden to orchestrate

Miscellaneous

- Looking at plantings around the park entrance along Dutcher St. Request sent to tree warden for a list of options/proposal for native plants.
- Unanimous vote to remove all combustion engines from the pond. Electric motors only. Chairman will change bylaws on website and post update. Chairman will also notify law enforcement of new regulation.
- Chairman meeting with the play-set vendor on Tuesday at Mellen field to discuss the delays in equipment for the playground. Vendor is far overdue on commitment
- Action to assess sprinklers in Mellen field and their current operational status. Need a map layout of the sprinklers and if they work or not.

Pond Cleanup

- Citizen Darrel Oakley and Jim Rierdan (of ESS) joined the meeting to discuss pond cleanup efforts
- Effort is underway to plan a small green fence and plantings around the pond to deter geese from invading the grass. Plan is to install the fencing from the woods to the boathouse as part of the non-native species removal effort
- Need update on plan for removal of non-native species
- Additional funding for the effort could be available through a bill soon to be on the Governor's desk
- Chairman to investigate starting a committee including town residents to focus on the pond cleanup effort
- Need a brief presentation to the town discussing the improvements - water quality and resource usability/safety.
- Committee to investigate a grant funding strategy and ways to raise funds for the efforts involved
- Looking to ESS to provide a ballpark estimate for water quality testing in different areas of the pond, to get a current assessment. as well as an estimate for a lake manager to review current status, compare to feasibility study, and provide treatment options for the weeds.

Meeting adjourned around 20:45