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Park Commission

Dan Iacovelli, Chair
Rob Jackson
Don Howes

Parks Commission Meeting Minutes 14 May, 2015

The regular Meeting of the Board and Selectmen was called to order at 18:05 by Chair Dan Iacovelli in the Draper Room of Town Hall.

Present: Dan Iacovelli, Rob Jackson, Don Howes, Dave Guglielmi, Mike Smith, Laurie Hampsch

Chair Iacovelli welcomed Don Howes to the board

Chair Iacovelli moved to Agenda Items

Draper Field - Expected to belong to the town in roughly 6 months. Lots of work is required to make the space usable.

- Land behind Home Plate needs to be re-graded along with some fill
- Need to arrange a multi-board meeting once the land becomes Hopedale property to arrange permits and work to be done
 - o Action item to revisit in future meeting
- Parking lot doesn't become town property; need to open the entrance on Freedom St (removing the barriers).

General field discussion

- Lots of interest in group looking to get a study done for a new/additional field
- Mike Smith was in attendance representing girls softball
 - o Raised that it doesn't make sense to invest in Draper field if the parents group is going to do something else. Any work on Draper Field would come out of 2017 budget and we would need to see where the parents group is at that time.
 - o Representative from parents team (Laurie Hampsch) provided details for Mr. Smith. Currently there is a steering committee, and it may need to go to bid for the feasibility study. One proposal for feasibility study is in, awaiting two more

Action->> Need to ask steering committee to add Don Howes to the distribution

- Some discussion around re-planning practices to allow grass to grow in sections. Need to assemble a yearly use schedule for the fields to facilitate planning

Action->> Chairman to follow up with irrigation company to find out why the sprinklers aren't working

- Money received to repair damaged fields. There should be a small window in early August to get the tracks repaired

Action->> Chairman to follow up on process to get somebody hired

- Mike Smith servicing softball fields at Mellen and needs reimbursement for materials.

Fin and Feather

- Desire to run summer programs again. Tabled until later.

Pond Study Update

- Grant for help with the water drainage and BMP design was approved
- Storm drain mapping has started and is ongoing

Tennis Courts (Dave Guglielmi)

- Current courts are 40 years old and in need of repair
 - Discussions with 3 companies, all familiar with the courts, and all have done work in the area
 - o Sport Court of New England (worked in Mendon, Holliston, Dover)
 - o Ace Tennis of Connecticut
 - o Vermont tennis court - did previous patchwork in 2010 and suggested alternatives to just patching the cracks
 - All contractors hesitant to quote actual prices due to the uncertainty of the prevailing wage act
- Action->> Secretary pursuing grant options from the USTA
- Rough estimate of \$6000-\$7000 to patch the cracks on all three courts. NO guarantee on the work (cracks could surface again next year)
 - Reconstructed asphalt is another option, but bigger money (roughly \$90k per court)
 - Another alternative - Nova Pro Bounce, which sits on top of existing service. Comes with a 25-30 year warranty. Cost would be roughly \$100,000-\$110,000 total, very rough estimate. Includes roughly \$2000 per court to reset the posts.
 - Long-term fix would require excavation of southernmost courts due to damage caused by standing water in that area.
 - Commission needs to work on a short term and long term plan.
 - o Revisited during future meeting

Mellen Field (Phillips Field) Playground

- \$4000 for installation of playground, plus \$3600 for the rubber wood chips and 1250 for installation. Would also require excavation of an 8” hole 60x40 rectangle
- Action->> Secretary to determine if there is another installation option - assign a foreman/tech to oversee volunteers
- Don Howes might have alternative suppliers for equipment - investigating strap swing
- Action->> Don Howes to provide list of alternative suppliers

Mellen Field Dugouts

- Volunteers will build forms and build dugouts, just needs to have concrete delivered
- Action->> Chairman to check with town hall to get a list of vendors that can deliver concrete
- Dugouts are 27x8
 - Softball likely will end first week in June

>>>Change in Schedule<<<

Future meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month, starting with the 22nd of May.

Action->> Chairman to follow up with Town Hall

Action->> Secretary to scour website and update where required

Adjournment

Losing the schedule meeting room, the board decided to meet the following week and adjourned at 19:00 the board adjourned. Chair Iacovelli-Aye; Secretary/Treasurer Jackson – Aye

Hopedale Parks Commission

*Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted ** Roll Call Vote

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