



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Park Commission

Dan Iacovelli, Chair
Rob Jackson
Don Howes

Parks Commission Meeting Minutes 16 July, 2015

The regular Meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order at 19:03 by Chair Dan Iacovelli in the Draper Room of Town Hall.

Present: Dan Iacovelli, Rob Jackson, Don Howes, Dorene Landry, Ed Holland, Walter Swift

Chair Iacovelli moved to Agenda Items

Reviewed Open Action Items – Status at the end

Motion made - Don, seconded, Rob, unanimous aye

Agenda Item – Movie Night

- Concern voiced about music night being played in the park
- Rep from movie night stated that the music in question was not from movie night vehicles.

Although music is played prior to the movie, the volume will be lower moving forward.

Agenda item - Shrubs and plants donation

- Tree Warden has been contracted by Hopedale PTO at High School - ongoing beautification project. There will likely be good shrubs available that can be used for the parks (estimate that \$2000 worth of shrubs can be reused)

- Request is to provide Tree Warden/Swifts landscaping carte blanche to reuse shrubs and plants at no cost to Parks - Motion made by Don

- Sign area by Phillips Field specifically identify as a location in need

- MSDV - Unanimous

Agenda item - Parks Activities and Advertising

- Raised by Cultural Council to raise awareness of activities

- There is nothing on the park town page, Facebook page, etc., stating information about programs

- Also nothing about Fin and Feather, boat rentals, etc. Archery, Bike Riding, fishing, kayaking.

- Chairman has PDFs with Fin and Feather to be posted - there is another calendar of events for the park.

Action->> Post to parks facebook pages to request citizens looking to help out and contribute to the improvements of the parks, parklands, etc.

Agenda item - Bylaw Review and Signage

- Any change to by-laws requires 3 reads and a vote in a public meeting

- We do have a temporary sign up at town park that should suffice for now

Action ->> Each member review rules and regulations, and come back to next meeting (or meeting after) to mark up and discuss bylaws for potential changes

Agenda Item - Playground

- Highway department came in and fixed up sand area in the playground - huge thanks to the highway department
- Interest in new co-swing with parent and child in the same swing - prime time solo expression swing. Also need to look at a handicapped swing

Agenda Item - Tree Management

- Steve's Tee in Mendon - tall trunk for \$1000, take it down to a stump an additional \$1000, and another grand to grind
- Charron Tree Service estimate \$3200 to take down to a few inches off the ground
- Tree behind baseball garage, potential target for a fall is the playground of the neighbor

MSDV - Bring Steve's Tree Service in and approve up to \$3000 for the beech and the ash tree - Unanimous

MSDV - Tree Warden to plant a birch tree at Adin Park - Unanimous

Agenda Item - October 31 Run

- FOHH wants to change the location for the run due to conflict with school. Bandstand for entertainment only. Tent setup, need to do in the field.

Action ->> Secretary to contact Athletic Director about use of the parks on the 31st of October.

Adjournment

Chair Iacovelli motioned to adjourn at 21:00. Chair Iacovelli-Aye; Secretary/Treasurer Jackson – Aye

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

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Open Actions:

Action>>> Chairman to follow up on process to repair fields with money from lawsuit

- We have \$500 coming payments

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

- Inquiry into irrigation company to determine when we can meet up to fix things at Phillips Field

Action->>> Don Howes to walk the lot with Mike Smith and discuss options for a 60'x40' playground.

- Looked and have some requests for volunteers to survey west and southwest boundary of the property so we can know where we can place the new playground. If we can't get volunteer, we'll get a quote.

Action->>> Don to check with highway to see what equipment is available to do slice seeding, as well as concrete blocks for parking lot

- No access to broadcast or slice seeder, no concrete blocks.

Action->>> Chairman to double check wording with police for signs

Action->> Chairman to notify town council to assemble paperwork with Mr. Benoit's legal council regarding removal of town tree hovering his property

Action->> Don Howes to investigate cost and options for locking system to re-key

Action ->> Chairman to find out new rules for going out to bid for new electric bulbs

- Dan to find out - still open - still needed?

Action->> Don to talk to Nstar regarding the electricity pole near the bathhouse

- Still open, Don to meet with local electrician tomorrow on this and some other projects

Action ->> Don to follow up with playground equipment out of Uxbridge and

Action->> Secretary to send a letter to Fire Department acknowledging and thanking them for their assistance.

Action->> Don Howes to investigate cost and options for locking system to re-key

- still trying to get to locksmith

Action->> Don Howes to arrange facilities at bath house. All porta-potties should be handicapped accessible

Action ->> Secretary to collect and correlate info regarding parks activities and post to website and FB page

- Some information posted, but still need more information/calendars.

Action->> Secretary to create signs to be placed at parks notifying public of laws