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Park Commission

Dan Iacovelli, Chair
Rob Jackson
Don Howes

Parks Commission Meeting Minutes 22 October, 2015

The Meeting of the Parks Commission was called to order at 19:04 by Chair Dan Iacovelli in the Draper Room of Town Hall.

Present: Dan Iacovelli, Rob Jackson, Don Howes, Lou Costanza

Chair Iacovelli moved to Agenda Items

Agenda Item - Discussion with Road Commissioners

Don spoke with commissioners at a high level and is looking to cover. Would like the employee to stay on through the end of November to end leaf season. The time to pick work back up depends on winter weather. Soccer ends next Saturday. Need to play week by week. Leaf cleanup in town parks. We have \$20,002.48 from now until June 30th and we need to take this into account, along with the roughly \$2500 needed for Tennis, starting around mid-June.

Action ->> Don and Bob to sit down next week to discuss the potential for a full time employee.

Agenda Item - Employee last day

Discussed above.

Agenda Item - Bathrooms closing

Supposed to get some quotes from Pintos and MacDonald. Pinto's previously was \$133. Concern about phone tag and getting used to it.

Motion to use Kevin MacDonald plumbing to winterize the bathrooms. Timing play it by ear, week to week based on weather. Cost of \$570 total for winterizing and spring service.

Motion by Don to use MacDonald Plumbing, second by Rob, MSDV unanimous.

Agenda Item - Irrigation closing

Question about winterize/blowout the zones that aren't working? This question needs to be asked to contractors. We know we have 2 zones that aren't showing water, and one that is. Possibly might need to have zone valves doctored in order to ensure winterization.

Suggestion from Mr. Costanza to monitor winterization and learn how to do it on our own for the future.

Action ->> Secretary to contact New England Irrigation, how are they going to winterize a non-working zone?

Rob Motioned to use New England Irrigation for service, Don second, MSDV unanimous

Agenda Item - Signs/Park rules

Motion to seek help from Board of Health for No Smoking in Town Park or Phillips Field.

Action - >> Don will go to Board of Health to discuss

Don motioned to acquire signs for no smoking, Rob second, MSDV Unanimous

Sign discussion – add no digging of any kind

- Add the bottom, add email phone, rules subject to change, and Hopedale Police phone number and 911 for emergencies. Don to provide Rob with the electronic version of the proposed sign

Motion to accept sign with changes noted made by Don, Seconded by Rob MSDV Unanimous

Using YYZ signs out of Mendon for the signs

YYZ signs out of Mendon provided signs

Agenda Item - Egg Addling

Tabled until a later date.

Agenda Item - Last 48 hours

Tree coming down, 76 Dutcher St. Letter Received

Received correspondence from a Mellen St. resident who remembers winter sports at Phillips Field, but recently gates have been locked or closed. Question about leaving the gate open year round. If it snows, this area isn't plowed and we are concerned about liability for stuck cars. No issue with people walking into the park, but we have to keep the gate locked to prevent parking during snowy weather. Perhaps another walk around?

Action ->> Don to look at walk around location and provide a response to the inquiry. We should at least wait for the first accumulating snow fall before closing the gate.

Budget Items:

- Two bills approved were already paid. Water and Sewer due in 2 weeks. Need to vote on now.
- Electrical discussion around bathhouse. We have to create a lighting account.
- We now have a Koopman paint account.

Rob motioned to pay YYZ, Scanzaroli, and Water/Sewer. Don second, MSDV Unanimous

Inquiry about Soccer use of fields from Milford Hopedale Youth Soccer. Secretary to invite Tasha to the next meeting with a list of number of games and proposed calendar. Bring approximate percentages of Hopedale and Milford kids (the number of kids total, and how many are from Hopedale). Previously, in lieu of payment, organizations such as the Hopedale Girls Softball did improvements to the area. We would likely look for something similar.

Adjourn

Rob motion to adjourn 20:16, seconded by Don