



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Benson Park Committee

Jim Barnes, Chairman      David Morin, Selectmen Liaison



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### Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2017 – 7:00pm

HCTV Center, 19 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, NH 03051  
Downstairs Meeting Room

**1.Call to Order** at 7:03 P.M.

**2.Pledge of Allegiance** led by Jeremy Griffus

**3.Attendance** – Ralph Alio, Jim Barnes, Dick Empey, Jeremy Griffus, Paula Hubert, Ann Desrosiers, Dave Morin, and Joe Undercofler.

Excused – John Leone and newly appointed Alternate, Ben Nadeau

Absent – Shawn Jasper

**4.Public Input** – None

**5.Approval of Minutes from May 4, 2017**

Dave made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Paula; All in favor

**6.Old Business**

#### Project Updates

##### **\*Race Track Restoral**

Joe presented a convincing proposal to renovate/restore the old race track area which was once a historic feature at the park. His estimated cost for asphalt was \$854. There would be selective clearing of trees which interfere with the track - thus allowing more light into the area. Jeremy's counter proposal was to keep as many of the healthy trees as possible for their shade and convert the space into a picnic area. He would also refurbish the area with gravel in the kidney-shaped race track format. Discussion followed on the pros and cons for each proposal.

**A motion to accept the Race Trace renovation was made by Ralph and seconded by Dick. A vote was taken to go forward with the motion. 6 in favor**

## **2 in opposition**

A suggestion was made to incorporate some of the ideas presented in both proposals. The project will require more planning to work out details, a time frame, and the Highway Department's schedule. Dick volunteered to be leader of the project, and Jeremy offered his help, also.

### **\*Office Building**

Jim has submitted the application for the Moose Plate Grant. The staff at the DHR will review the application in June, and later it could be recommended as one of their projects. The DHR will wait until the start of their fiscal year to determine the monies available in August. If approved, the start date would be in September.

Contact still needs to be made with our contractor, Peter Ripaldi, so details can be worked out with the DHR and Steve Bedard.

### **\*Restroom Facility**

Jim will be presenting the Committee's proposal to the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday. Selectman Dave Morin recommended and stressed "Do your Homework," get ideas from Nashua Parks and Recreation, and find ways to get rid of some of the costs. Nashua has had parks for years – what do they utilize for security measures and to thwart vandalism. Our Committee needs to investigate the long range costs for this project.

## **7.New Business**

It has been reported that teens had climbed 40-50 feet up the trees near the Gorilla House.

Water and sewer projects are slowly progressing. Water will be reaching the Gorilla House and the irrigation system at the 9/11 Memorial. A fire hydrant will be installed near the Gorilla House as a means to winterize (remove water) since heat will not be provided.

## **8.Other Business/Committee Members' Remarks**

Next Meeting – June 1

Dog Park Clean-up and Volunteer Park Clean-up – May 20

## **9.Adjournment**

Dick move to close the meeting; seconded by Joe; All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.