

**HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2020**  
**Town Hall**

**Approved January 28, 2020**

**Members Present:** Eric Jacobson, Dave Turcotte, Eric DeGray, Carrie Joseph

Meeting called to order at 6:03. Motion made by Eric J. and Eric D. 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor 4-0.

**Agenda Items –**

**Minutes** – Dave T. made a motion to approve the Dec 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Eric D. 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor 3-0 as Carrie wasn't present at that meeting.

**Bills & Payroll** – All bills and payroll approved.

**Report from Administrative Assistant** – Price of garbage removal is going up and the town has put out a bid for garbage removal. This would affect Memorial Park. Informed the board that the 2020 Pavilion rental form was ready; the board decided to keep the rental rates from last year.

**Board Vacancy** – On January 7, 2020, Dave. P resigned from the board. Eric J. and Carrie will invite board member candidates to the next meeting. Eric D. nominated Eric J. to become the Chair of the board, Dave T. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 3-0. Eric D. nominated Carrie J. to become the Vice Chair of the board. Dave T. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 3-0.

**Liaison Policy** – A liaison has the authority to approve up to a \$500 purchase without having to consult the board first.

**Basketball** – Dave T. said there were complaints about making sure every player had equitable playing time. He spoke to Heather about this issue and she followed up. Discussion about how games oftentimes run over and they don't start on time. It's the way things have always been however the board will investigate this further. Administrative Assistant mentioned that Scott Walker registered for two tournaments and that he needed to be reimbursed. The board said that they do not reimburse the cost of registering for tournaments. Eric D. made a motion that P&R would not be responsible for funding tournaments and that the cost of a tournament is the responsibility of the coach/team to fund should they choose to enter one. Dave T. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 4-0. This weekend the alarm went off at Green Meadows and it took over 20 minutes for the police to show up. Need to put "Do Not Enter" signs at the beginning of the halls.

**Spring Soccer/Baseball** – As of right now, Hampden is not part of a spring soccer league. Many towns have decided to stop offering spring soccer. Administrative Assistant will call Springfield Parks and Rec to see if they offer a spring soccer league and if Hampden would be able to join.

Derrick Biermann spoke about the upcoming baseball season. He is concerned that Hampden will have a difficult time forming teams as last year numbers were down. He recommends at least 12 kids per team. There may be a possibility that Hampden will have to ask Wilbraham to combine the towns teams. He also mentioned that the fields are a concern as Parks and Rec currently doesn't have anyone to maintain them. Last year it was very difficult to get umps to

show up to games and that could be a problem again this year. Derrick will look at the updated registration form and give back to the Administrative Assistant to post on the website. Eric D. made a motion to align the baseball fees to be equivalent to Wilbraham's registration fees. Dave T. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 4-0.

**Futsal** – Flyers and registration forms were given to Green Meadows today to go out this week.

**Memorial Park Well** – Administrative Assistant had received a quote from Quabbin Valley to hydro-frack the well at Memorial Park. Eric D. made a motion to approve the money to hydro-frack the well. Dave T. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 4-0.

**Skating Rink** – Tabled until next fall.

Dave T. moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Eric J. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 4-0.