

**HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes, January 25, 2022**  
**TOWN HALL**

**APPROVED February 8, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 6:00.

**Members Present:** Carrie Joseph, Dan Slattery, Dave Turcotte, Brett Castellano, Eric Jacobson (6:26)

**Minutes** – December 14<sup>th</sup> minutes still need to be approved. Dan made a motion to approve the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. Approved 3-0 with 1 abstention.

**Bills** – All bills approved.

**Public Comment** – There have been some issues with opening the gate to Memorial Park daily. Decided that if a coach wished to run a skills and drills clinic before the beginning of the season that would be fine. The board also discussed getting a cell phone for the department. Dave made a motion to purchase a cell phone to be used by the employees/board members of the Parks and Recreation Department. Brett 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 4-0. The board will talk to Bob to see if it would be possible to get a cell phone. The MyRec program had been approved and Kristen will sign the contract.

**Basketball** – Everything is going well. All Hampden teams won last Saturday. Angel is using one door to enter and exit the gym at TWB however he would like to use the other door as well. Kristen will let Angel know that the school department doesn't want that other door opened due to liability concerns. Kristen will make a "Do Not Enter" sign for Green Meadows for one of the hallways as people are accidentally setting off the alarms. Dan made Green Meadows keys for everyone.

**Baseball/Soccer Registrations** – There needs to be a photo release included on the registrations. There will be an increase of \$5 for each registration fee for all age groups. There was a discussion about the recent request for girls who are registered to play for Hampden T-Ball team to have the option to play on a Wilbraham team. The reason behind this is that many of these girls go on to play Wilbraham Softball and will already be forming friendships with other children who will be on their team in future years. The board asked Kristen to resend an email with this information so that they could review it. The baseball registration dates will align with Wilbraham Parks and Recreation. Check to see if East Longmeadow will be participating in a spring soccer league and ask Julie Wickman if she will be returning this year.

**Memorial Park** – The yearly renewal contract from Lawn Tech Lawn Care was approved. Kristen will sign and return. There was a discussion about the field maintenance. Brett will reach out to Mason to see if he can assist with cleaning the fields and to get a quote for the proposed work. Steve will be responsible for the park's general maintenance. Work on the fields can start in mid-March.

**Summer Program** – No applications yet for Program Director or counselors. Send something to Turley that Hampden is hiring a director and camp counselors. The board agreed to a pay raise and would like to know what counselors will be returning next year.

**BOS Meeting** – The board would like to schedule another meeting with Bob tomorrow.

**Agenda** – The board had more to discuss about the Summer Program so they decided to hold another meeting on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Kristen will check availability and schedule the meeting.

Brett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 5-0.