

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2018
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:08

Members Present: Terry Ford (6:05-7:00), Dave Paradis, Eric DeGray and Carrie Joseph.

Members Absent: Eric Jacobson

Guests: Alfred Bacabac

Agenda Items –

Minutes – Terry made a motion to approve 1-20-19 minutes as written. Dave Paradis 2nd it. All in favor 4-0.

Review Bills – bills signed. Discussion had about reimbursement procedure which led to the discussion of possible petty cash being made available to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Public Comment – Alfred Bacabac came in to discuss his soccer program called Futsal & Street Soccer. The program is designed to train coaches and teach kids foot skills. It is geared for ages 2 years old to high school. The program runs on 1 day, one hour a week and can start as soon as mid-March. He is interested in partnering with Hampden Parks and Recreation to bring the program to Hampden as they already have run programs with Wilbraham and East Longmeadow. Cost of program depends on the town in which it is run. He will send more information via email for the board's consideration.

Carrie provided an update on April Staycation program. Noticed that Friday was Good Friday and it looked questionable if the program could be run for 4 days during April vacation week. Decision made to contact Sharon Moberg to see if the program could still be run April Vacation Week.

Summer Program – Carrie began the discussion. There are concerns about running the camp off campus as people would have to pay for transportation and as a result less people may sign up. New themes would be great to implement for a variety of crafts and activities to be completed throughout the day. Last year the camp had 19 children and 12-13 staff members. Decision made to create a 5-question survey to give to families who have attended the summer program in the past. Carrie will run the survey. This will also be discussed with Joey.

Baseball – Nothing to report.

Soccer – Eric DeGray said he would be a coach this year. Terry made a motion for Michelle Miodowski to be soccer coordinator. Eric DeGray seconded. All in favor 4-0. Question of age requirement for Pre-K program discussed and it was decided that it was up to the coach to determine whether or not 3 year olds would be able to join in the soccer program.

Basketball – Playoffs are starting, and they will be held in the gym. There are no Hampden teams playing any home games. There will be an increase in police traffic. Games will be Saturday 9-4:30 and Sunday 11-5.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm. Motion made by Eric DeGray and 2nd by Dave Paradis, all in favor 3-0.