

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, April 27, 2021
TOWN HALL

Approved 5/11/21

Meeting called to order at 6:08pm.

Members Present - Eric Jacobson, Carrie Joseph, Dan Slattery, Eric DeGray, Dave Turcotte

Guests – Mary Ellen Glover

Review Minutes – Change wording under “Public Comment” regarding the Free Library Program to include the word “box” or “case”. Eric J. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended, Eric D. 2nd. All in favor 4-0 with one abstention.

Public Comment – Mary Ellen Glover attended the meeting as the Parks and Rec Selectboard Liaison. A call was received regarding cleaning up the website. Dave T. will discuss this with Kristen and set up the office printer.

Review Bills & Payroll – All bills approved. Dave explained the bill from Haluch’s.

Memorial Park– The maintenance person has resigned. The position will be posted in the Times and the town website, and then Facebook. The maintenance person must line the fields, take care of trash, clean bathrooms, backwash 3x a week, mow inside the fence, grade the fields (through June), clean filter for the sprinklers and spray park. Carrie will ask Becky if there are any seniors that might be willing and able to fill this part time position. Need a master schedule for TWB.

Baseball – The uniforms have been ordered but are late due to the jerseys in the original order being discontinued. Hopefully, the order will be ready by the first game on Saturday. Kristen found uniforms and hats that can be used as a back-up plan. Dave will help Kristen figure out which umpires are working what games, so we know who to pay. We pay John Neves to assign the umpires, but we pay the umpires. Derek Biermann will get us the access to arbiter. Games start this weekend. Moving mowers and trailers to TWB tomorrow (4/28).

Soccer – The SYSL is playing soccer premier teams. A parent called and complained because a soccer game was 25-0 (Hampden lost) but the U8 team played a premier team. Eric D is calling Randy tomorrow to discuss. Eric J has been lining the fields at TWB.

Summer Program – Mary Ellen got a call about the spray park being closed during camp hours. This is done for safety reasons. The board discussed camp counselors, scheduling, and registrations. The numbers look great for April. Eric J. made a motion to offer 50% off each week for camp for a hardship. Dan 2nd, all in favor 5-0.

Basketball – Discussion if all rentals have paid. If we do not receive payment for the gym practice time, they will not be able to use the gym. Eric will meet with Bryan Litz to discuss the towns basketball programs. Wilbraham will run a summer basketball program.

Future Program Ideas- Nothing to discuss at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11th at 6pm. Eric J. called the meeting to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Dan 2nd. All in favor 5-0.