

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, August 11, 2020
TOWN HALL

Approved August 25, 2020.

Meeting called to order at 6:07.

Members Present: Eric Jacobson, Carrie Joseph, Eric DeGray, Dan Slattery

Guest: Kate Dooley

Review Minutes- July 28th meeting minutes approved as amended. All in favor 4-0.

Bills & Payroll - Discussion about recent bills from Haluch. Kristen will reach out to Jamie to request that they send an email at least 24 hours in advance of when they would be going to Memorial Park.

Art Program – Kate Dooley gave a presentation about starting an art program and outlined a plan for the program as well as what age groups it would be for. There was a discussion about when the program would start as well as where it would take place as currently Town Hall is unavailable to host programs due to COVID-19. After talking about the logistics, it was decided that Kate would attend a board meeting in October to discuss starting the program in January. In the meantime, Kristen will reach out to the School Department to see if the program could be held in an old art room of TWB.

Report from Administrative Assistant – Ellen Moriarty would like to use the pavilions to host book club meetings in September and October. Also discussed tax reimbursements for those who are unable to use the tax-exempt form when making a Parks and Rec purchase.

Summer Baseball – The season is over. Everything went well.

Summer Program – Last week was the final week of camp. Everything went great and the Department/Board has received a lot of positive feedback about the summer program.

Fall Soccer – There have been more registrations coming in for the lower grades, and hardly any for grades 3 through 6. Quabbin Valley has reached out to say that they are anticipating having a league this year, however we have yet to hear from East Longmeadow. Eric D. will email Tim at East Longmeadow to see if there are any updates on running a soccer league this fall. Eric D. also shared some new state guidelines about the soccer season and told the board that coach's will also need to be a COVID-19 agent.

Future Program Ideas – Nothing new was discussed.

Eric J. called the meeting to adjourn at 7:33pm. Eric D. 2nd. All in favor 4-0.