

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, December 14, 2021
TOWN HALL

Approved February 1, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:00.

Members Present: Eric Jacobson, Dan Slattery, Brett Castellano, Carrie Joseph (phone)

Guest: Beth Barton-Cimino

Minutes – Motion made to approve the November 28th meeting minutes. Approved 3-0 with 1 abstention.

Bills – All approved.

Public Comment – Beth provided an update on the upcoming ski program. At this time, there are 11 registrations, and only 3 have purchased their lift tickets from the Wachusett website. Wachusett's deadline is December 27th. The registrant ages range from 3rd grade to 8th grade. If there are only 11 kids registered, would it be possible for the parents to drive them there rather than getting a bus? Beth said that she and the other parents would be willing to drive all of the kids if this was the case. Beth will reach out to Serenity Greenwood and open the ski program to Soule Road Elementary School and will discuss bussing logistics with her. She will also talk to Pauline at the bus company. Any parent volunteering to chaperone needs to get a CORI. There will be a ski program information session at the next Parks and Recreation meeting.

The board suggested going to the Dick's Sporting Goods website in order to complete the community engagement form for donations and sponsorships. The board also requested a breakdown of the department ledger by sport. A post should be put on Facebook to thank Hampden Signs for their donations. Still need to get logos for Sacco Electric and Jeff Johnson in order to make business signs for the park.

Online registrations – Ask Eva or Pam if we can share the online payment system that is currently set up at Town Hall. Get a demo of recreation management services such as myrec.com. It costs \$2,900 annually for a revenue of under 100K.

Summer Program – Carrie will create a document of Summer Program Director and Counselor job expectations. Carrie and Brett will also compile a list of program recommendations. How are the program experiences different for a 6-year-old vs 12 year olds? The board will need to look at the pay for the summer program counselors as well as the overall cost of the summer program.

Basketball – Dan picked up the uniforms and coaches sweatshirts. Kristen will reach out to Tim Miller, 2nd grade coach, to make sure he's been in contact with the team's parents. Wilbraham Parks and Recreation have asked about gym availability at TWB for the winter. Ask Julie to switch from Green Meadows to TWB. Ed has started scheduling referees for the games. Angel will be hosting games at TWB four days this season; two days in January and two days in February. The cost to rent the gym will be \$25 per hour plus pay for the gym attendants (this will total \$54, and will require that at least one Hampden Parks and Recreation gym attendant will be working.) Angel's scorekeepers and gym attendants will be responsible for cleaning the bathroom and sweeping the floor.

Agenda – The board discussed the agenda for the next meeting on December 28th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.