

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2020
TOWN HALL

Approved – December 22, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.

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

Review Minutes: Eric J. made a motion to approve November 24th meeting minutes. Dan 2nd, all in favor 3-0.

Public Comment: Nothing to report.

Review Bills & Payroll: All bills were approved.

Report from Administrative Assistant: Admin received a call from a resident who wanted to know who was responsible for naming the hiking trails in Hampden. After discussion it was determined that Parks and Rec does not have jurisdiction over the trails, however, the question should be redirected to the Conservation Committee and the Minnechaug Land Trust.

Basketball: The board had decided to align the gym supervisor pay with that of Wilbraham Parks and Rec. There had been an issue this past weekend when the gym divider had been put in place and the coaches were unable to remove it for practice. Eric J. has since talked to Herb about the confusion with the gym schedule. The basketball program has been a big success and Hampden will be aligning with Wilbraham Parks and Rec to offer a recreational basketball program from January 9th – March. Practices will be held at TWB and Memorial School during the week with games on the weekends. Wilbraham will accept the registrations, create the teams, and make the practice/game schedules. We will need to ask more gym supervisors/scorekeepers from last year if they are able to work this season.

Memorial Park Maintenance: There is still discussion regarding if Ed will be returning next year. Question asked if the roofs at Memorial Park had been fixed. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Also, Admin will email Haluch to get a new quote for landscaping services for Memorial Park.

Future Program Ideas: Need to see if Parks and Rec will be able to use one of the art rooms at TWB for a winter art program and if so, create a cleaning protocol for this program. Would Parks and Rec consider renting the gym at TWB for basketball practices? This is something that needs to be discussed with the entire board.

Eric J. called the meeting to adjourn at 7:08pm. Dan 2nd. All in favor 3-0.