

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, February 23, 2021
TOWN HALL

Approved March 9, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:13pm.

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

Guests – Mark Giza, Rick Rubin

Review Minutes – Eric J. made a motion to approve the February 9th minutes as written. Dan 2nd, all in favor 3-0 with 2 abstentions as Eric D. and Dave were not present at that meeting.

Public Comment – Mark Giza and Rick Rubin from the Hampden Theater Guild discussed the upcoming production of “Hello Dolly” this summer. They would like to have the play outside at TWB. It would be 2 hours and would run June 5-6 and 12-13 at 2pm. It would be outside in the back of TWB, and the stage would be in the middle and people would sit around it. There wouldn’t be any background. The stage would stay set up Saturday-Sunday. They also discussed that they would need access to electricity and would also need the bathrooms. They would need someone to monitor the door to the school and they are responsible for cleaning the bathrooms as well. The board does not see a problem with the Theater Guild using TWB for the production however we may need to adjust soccer/baseball schedules.

Review Bills & Payroll – No bills.

Memorial Park Maintenance – Kristen will call New Image Pools and ask for someone to see if we need to change the sand in the filter. Also, maybe call Sun Pools in Ludlow and Mountain View Landscaping and ask them the same question and see if they open and close spray parks.

Basketball – Everything is going well however we need to make sure the scorekeepers/gym supervisors are spraying disinfectant after the games.

Baseball – Email Dave the baseball registrations. There is a Western Mass Suburban Baseball League meeting tomorrow night and Dave is attending.

Soccer – Will call East Longmeadow to see if they are thinking of running a spring soccer program. In the meantime, Kristen will create a general soccer registration form. Hampden will most likely have teams for grades K-2. It is still too early to think about running a Futsol program. The board will revisit this at the end of March.

Summer Program – The summer program registrations need to be ready the week of the 16th. The cost of the program will be discussed at the next meeting at which time the board will also review the registration form.

Future Program Ideas- The Art Ventures Program will run for 2 hours a day for 5 days and registrations will be accepted in the order they are received as only 10 children can register per program in accordance with COVID guidelines. Kristen will accept the registrations and will create a wait list for additional registrations and see if the program can accommodate a 2nd group for another 2 hours later in the day. The cost for the program is \$160 for the week. We will ask the district office if we can use the cafeteria for 8 hours just in case we need to create a 2nd group.

Eric J. called the meeting to adjourn at 7:50pm. Dan 2nd. All in favor 5-0.