

**HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2021**  
**TOWN HALL**

Approved 2/23/21

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm.

**Members Present** - Eric Jacobson, Carrie Joseph, Dan Slattery.

**Review Minutes** – Revision made to “Memorial Park Maintenance”. Eric J. made a motion to approve January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as amended. Approved 3-0.

**Public Comment** – Mark Giza had called to say that the Hampden Theater Guild will be running “Hello Dolly” the first two weekends in June outside at TWB and asked if this would coincide with any of Parks and Rec scheduled events. This shouldn’t be an issue however the board will need more information regarding logistics as this will be run at the same time as baseball and soccer games. The department is also getting phone calls about pavilion rentals. Kristen will email last year’s pavilion rental form to the board so that updated pricing information and COVID-19 regulations can be put on the form.

**Review Bills & Payroll** – All approved.

**Memorial Park Maintenance** – Discussion about the quote given from Guarino’s to change the sand in the filter. Kristen will call other companies to get another quote.

**Basketball** – The season is going well. A coach has asked again if he would be able to use the gym for basketball practice once the rec season is over. The agreement with the school district is that the gym can only be used for teams that consist of district kids. There would be no charge for practices. The board has also hired one more scorekeeper/gym supervisor.

**Baseball** – Discussed how many registrations the department has so far. Question of sponsorship and if the department can have sponsors as Parks and Rec is unable to fundraise or accept donations. Kristen will email John Flynn to get more information.

**Soccer** – Still no news. Waiting to hear from the SYSL.

**Summer Program** – Someone would like to apply for the summer program’s CIT position however, the departments protocol is that to become a CIT, they must take one year off between being a camper and becoming a counselor. The board decided that they are welcome to apply for the position but as of right now they don’t know if or how many CIT’s will be hired this year. Joey will be returning as director. The program will continue to implement COVID-19 regulations. There was also a discussion about counselor hours and if anyone would be interested in working on Saturday or Sunday for either the proposed snack bar or as a maintenance worker. The board will also discuss program pricing and additional programs/field trips for this year.

**Future Program Ideas**- The board is interested in running the Art-Ventures program over April Vacation week. Kristen will email Lisa back to ask what they would need to run the program.

Eric J. called the meeting to adjourn at 7:51pm. Dan 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor 3-0.