

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, January 26, 2021
TOWN HALL

Approved 2/9/21

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm.

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

Guest(s) - Ed Salerno (phone)

Review Minutes - Eric J. made a motion to approve December 22nd meeting minutes. Approved 4-0. Eric J. made a motion to approve January 12th meeting minutes. Approved 4-0.

Public Comment - None.

Review Bills & Payroll - None.

Budget – Eric J. met with the Advisory Committee last night to discuss the budget for FY2022. We need to change the gym attendant pay per hour to \$14.25. The board discussed each of the line items on the budget.

Maintenance Position – The board spoke with Ed about the park maintenance position. Ed's biggest concern is getting the equipment to TWB. The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District will be helping maintain the fields at TWB. We will check with Mark from the Highway Department to see if they can help move the equipment between Memorial Park and TWB. The maintenance hours will be changed to Monday-Saturday, of which Ed will work. We will need someone to work on Sundays.

Memorial Park Maintenance - Kristen will contact Guarino's about changing the sand in the filter. The well cover also needs to be replaced. When Ed begins in late March/early April he can check the list of what needs to be repaired including tuning the lawn mower. There is a concern with the fence along the softball field. Mark said he will look at the fence and fix the problem. Maybe the department can get CPA funds for tree removal at the park? We can also ask the Fire Department & the Highway Department if they have a car/SUV/truck that we can use to transport equipment.

Basketball - Everything is going well. There were some IT issues with streaming the games, but everything is working now. Eric J. is meeting with an applicant for Gym Supervisor on Saturday.

Baseball – The registration form is all set and will be sent out ASAP.

Future Program Ideas- Open a snack shop during the summer at the Spray Park and potentially for the baseball games. The shop could serve pre-packaged foods, and the snacks can also be used for camp. Carrie will work with Kristen to create a menu. The shop worker could help with maintenance. The board also discussed the Art Ventures program for April Vacation and are very interested in running the program. There are just a few more questions to ask including what ages is the program for? If we get more than 10 kids can we have 2 groups running at the same time?

Eric J. called the meeting to adjourn at 8:08pm. Dan 2nd. All in favor 4-0.