

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, July 27, 2021
TOWN HALL

Approved August 10, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.

Members Present – Carrie Joseph, Dan Slattery, Dave Turcotte, Eric Jacobson

Guests – Craig Rivest, Julie Wickman, Jeff Johnson, Robert Rizutto

Review Minutes – Dan made a motion to approve the June 8th minutes as typed, Eric 2nd, all in favor 4-0. Dan made a motion to approve the July 13th minutes as typed, Dave 2nd, approved 3-0 with one abstention as Eric was not at that meeting. The department needs to get the minutes posted to the website. Perhaps post 3-4 sets of minutes a day.

Public Comment – Julie Wickman attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of becoming the new soccer coordinator. Eric made a motion to accept Julie as the soccer coordinator, 2nd by Dan. All in favor 4-0. Both the soccer and basketball coordinator books are missing.

Robert Rizutto, who is the Public Information Community Project Coordinator for the Sheriff's department, talked to the board about coordinating a day for 30-35 volunteers to help with projects at Memorial Park. The group would work from 8:30-4:30 and the board will get a list to the group of what projects need to be accomplished.

Jeff Johnson discussed the upcoming Fall Baseball League for the U10 & U12 age groups. The league is set to start at the very end of August and run through Columbus Day. U10 can use the field at TWB, while the U12 team can use Niccum Field. We can let Erin from Wilbraham know about the league and see if anyone from Wilbraham is interested in registering. Kristen will send out an email blast, and Jeff and Kristen will discuss and decide on the registration fees.

Looking to schedule the Wiffleball Tournament during Columbus Day weekend. Kristen will send out an email blast.

Review Bills & Payroll – All approved.

RAH – is getting started. The current board is ready to turn over to the new board.

Basketball Coordinator Position – post to the website.

Fall Soccer – we will be joining the Quabbin Valley League for grades 3-6.

Memorial Park – Dave has quotes on a UTV vehicle but is waiting to hear from other places and will then place the order for next year. There are some issues that need to be addressed at the park. The fields are in awful condition. The boys room light is tripping the breaker in the pump room. RAH building needs new lights. The sand in the Spray Park filter has been replaced and the old sand was dumped behind the trailer. When the sand was replaced, they did not fix a certain pipe and there are still issues with pumping chemicals as a result. We need someone for Park Maintenance ASAP because the person we have is leaving. There will be a write up in The Scantic Scribe. Craig Rivest suggested that maybe we can partner up with HDPW.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. Next meeting is scheduled for August 10th.