

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

Approved April 13, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:25pm.

Members Present - Eric Jacobson, Carrie Joseph, Dan Slattery

Review Minutes – Eric J. made a motion to approve the February 23rd 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 – Marty McQuade has asked to use some baseball jerseys from previous seasons. Kristen has been unable to find them, but it was suggested they were in the RAH building. Kristen will let Marty know. More keys to TWB need to be made. Mark Giza will also not be using TWB for the summer production of Hello Dolly.

Review Bills & Payroll – All bills approved.

Memorial Park– The park is now open for the season. Eric J. is meeting Carlos from New Image Pools at Memorial Park tomorrow to discuss changing the sand in the Spray Park filter. Add “Maintenance Position” to the next agenda so the board can discuss an updated weekly work schedule.

Basketball – There had been an issue with keeping score and starting the clock. There was also a COVID case that was addressed. Wilbraham Parks and Rec will be running an outside basketball program at the courts at TWB starting on June 20th. Eric J. will be meeting with Bryan on March 29th to discuss the winter basketball season. Kristen will send Eric J. the scorekeeper/gym supervisor payroll ledger starting from December. Coaches from AAU teams are already asking to use the TWB gym for practice, however the board needs to decide what to charge for renting the gym. This will be discussed at the next meeting. There is a new rule regarding spectators, and Eric J. and Dan will talk to Bryan about allowing 1 spectator per player into the gym for the final games. Kristen will make an additional sign-in sheet for the spectators.

Baseball – There are currently very low numbers for each team. Dan made a motion to appoint Jeff Johnson as the new baseball coordinator. Eric J. 2nd, all in favor 3-0.

Soccer – Kristen will post the registration form online and will send out an email blast about registrations. There is a question if Green Meadows families are receiving information about the Parks and Rec programs since they are not currently distributing flyers in their weekly take-home folders.

Summer Program – Kristen will call Party Patrol Rentals and ask about the cost to rent a bounce house and other activities for each week of the summer camp. Changes need to be made to the registration form and then it will be put on the town website. Kristen will also send an email blast with the summer program registration information.

Future Program Ideas- Kristen will send an email blast about the Art-Ventures program.

Eric J. called the meeting to adjourn at 8:10pm. Dan 2nd. All in favor 3-0.