

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, May 25, 2021
TOWN HALL

Approved June 8, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm.

Members Present - Carrie Joseph, Dan Slattery, Dave Turcotte, Brett Castellano

Guests – Luke Gonyea

Review Minutes – Approved as written 3-0 with one abstention.

Public Comment – The names on the agendas and website need to be updated to include Brett's name. Luke Gonyea spoke about using the overflow parking at Memorial Park around 6pm for an outdoor fitness program. Luke will email Kristen the info and we can put it on Facebook and the Town Website.

Review Bills & Payroll – All bills approved.

Memorial Park– Please check with Bob about how to proceed with hiring Kyle and about getting gas at the DPW. Met with Guarino's and the spray park is open however, there are problems with the pressure, which is probably a sand issue. Dave got a new hose for the backwashing. The boy's bathroom is all set. Ask Jeff to check the drain in the sink in the pump house. We need to find out the codes for the locks at Memorial Park. Dave reached out to Jay Walbridge about fixing the well cover at Memorial Park and Jay suggested casing it in and putting a locked door on it and then use the door for access.

Baseball – Two umpires didn't show up for their scheduled games. This issue has since been handled. John Davis from Powerhouse has paid the field rental fee and is using Niccum field for baseball practice. The infield at TWB needs work as the lining needs to be adjusted. We need to get the rascal over to TWB; maybe the DPW can help with this.

Soccer – Brett shared his experience as a parent and suggested the department offer support and assistance for new coaches including how to work with teams and communicate to the parents. Maybe the department can create a PDF of possible drills or activities to do at sport practices.

Summer Program – There is an orientation meeting for counselors on Thursday at 5pm. Numbers are looking great! Week 1 – 23, Week 2 – 18, Week 3 – 29, Week 4 – 23, Week 5 – 33, Week 6 – 21.

Basketball – Men's Basketball is starting up again.

Future Program Ideas- The benches at TWB need to be fixed and we need to see who is responsible for the trash at TWB. Kyle could take care of this if necessary. The board is looking into bringing more programs to the town for youth and adults that are not sports related. This would include seeing if there is already a hiking club and maybe set up bus trips. Maybe speak to Sherry Himmelstein of the Land Trust Committee to see who takes care of the trails in town.

Possible Executive Session on Tuesday, June 1st at 8pm at Town Hall in the office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.