

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, May 26, 2020
TOWN HALL

Approved June 9, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:10.

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

Review Minutes/Bills – Minutes tabled until next meeting. Kristen is on vacation this week. We will sign the bills we have and leave on the desk so that we will be able to carry on.

Public Comment – Keep your eye out for a silver Altima with CT plates, if spotted contact the police. Also, received a name about the ruts at Memorial Field – Eric J will be contacting them. Put on Facebook about Spray Park not opening until Phase 2.

COVID-19 – Still no date set for the opening of the building. The engineer was going on Friday to see what was needed. We are separating the time and receipts from regular time and money and what is for COVID. We need a separate file for COVID hours and money.

Summer Program – will put up the new registration form.

Memorial Park & Well – Everything is done – waiting for Quabbin Valley to pick up the tank. Field looks great – sprinklers are working great, sod is taking and the grass seeds are starting to grow. Spray Park can open in Phase 2 but we need hand sanitizer stations. There will be guidelines about the opening of the Spray Park. We are looking at options of how to get hand sanitizer. It's expensive so we are going to see about buying some with other town departments.

Baseball – contact other towns to see if we can get some teams for a small summer league. See if there is an interest from Wilbraham, Monson, Palmer, East Longmeadow – just pick up games try to get umpires if we can. Dan and Dave are willing to coordinate and get this going. Maybe we can get some baseball clinics together or maybe do games. Need to make sure we can based on the state guidelines. Games would be at TWB. Need to get coaches the hand sanitizer. Kristen – put out an email to other towns and schedule a time for a conference call with Dan and Dave. Only charge for umpires and administration and maybe the cost of the t-shirt if we can. Also, factor in the cost of hand sanitizer.

Fall Soccer – Kristen is redoing the form saying it might not happen.

Memorial Park Upgrades – the shark is completed and waiting for a shipment date. Installation will cost an additional \$2,000. We owe \$2,800 so it will be a total of \$4800.

A sprayer and disinfectant was purchased so we can disinfect things quickly. Plumber came and fixed everything.

Future Program Ideas – if we cant do baseball, maybe do Wiffleball or kickball or something to get the kids out and playing.

Next meeting is June 9th. Adjourned at 7:19pm.