

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, November 22, 2022
TOWN HALL

APPROVED December 13, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:01.

Members Present: Eric Jacobson, Dan Slattery, Carrie Joseph, Suzanne Shuttleworth, Terry Ford

Guests: Julie Wickman, Randy Rivest

Minutes – Tabled until next meeting.

Bills & Payroll– Bills were reviewed and signed.

Public Comment – Randy congratulated the first and second grade soccer teams who had a “Battle of Hampden” game and they had a great turn out. The kids all had fun!

Hampden Storm used the TWB gym this weekend for practice.

Memorial Park – We need to get the park closed. The plumber said that he would be there Wednesday or Thursday to winterize the bathrooms and was given Steve’s contact info. If this is not done by Friday, we must go with another plumber. We will need to purchase more infield mix in the spring. The board is not in favor of adding pollination gardens to the park, however they did discuss other possible locations for the pollination gardens.

Basketball – Randy spoke about the first-grade basketball teams. There were originally 2 teams, one with 12 kids and the other with 11. Randy and Hugh were able to get two more coaches to coach a third team. They will create the new rosters. Eric sent an email to Bryan to see if we would be able to add a third team to the game schedule. Randy also suggested to waive the registration fees for the coaches’ children.

There is a basketball scorekeeper training tomorrow night at 6pm at TWB. Heather, Aimee, Autumn, and Dan will be there. There was another application for a scorekeeper. Dan made a motion to hire the applicant as a scorekeeper. 2nd by Terry, motion approved 5-0. New basketballs need to be ordered from Whip’s Sporting Goods.

The Turkey Day Jamboree will take place this Friday and Saturday at TWB from 9am-9pm. This is for grades 5-8. Julie will be there 5:30pm-9:00pm on Friday, 2:00pm-5:30pm on Saturday. Dan or Terry will cover the Friday gap from 3:00pm-5:30pm. Autumn will work 8:00am-3:00pm both days. Dan will be there Friday morning to open the gym.

The Suburban games should be starting soon, with Quabbin Valley starting in January. Still need to order uniforms. The discussion about uniforms and sponsors will be tabled until the next meeting. The board decided that Kristen will make the scorekeeper schedule, and then Autumn and Julie would be responsible for managing the schedules and getting that information to the scorekeepers. If there are any problems at the gym, they are to call Dan or Eric, if it escalates call the police, and if need be, Autumn and Julie have the authority to remove people from the gym.

Winter Parents Night Out – It is being talked about. Carrie needs to order supplies.

Summer Program – Need to advertise for a Summer Program Director in January.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 6th at 6pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.