

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, November 8, 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 (6:05pm)

Guests: Catherine Pronovost

Minutes – Dan made a motion to approve the October 25th meeting minutes as amended. Carrie 2nd, motion passed 3-0 with one abstention.

Bills & Payroll– There is a question about the True Fuel that is used and if it is cost efficient.

Public Comment – Catherine Pronovost attended the meeting. She thanked the board for a wonderful fall softball season for Hampden Storm. They would like gym time at TWB and Green Meadows for softball practices for 2 hours a week, November through February. There are 2 teams: one grades 6&7 team and one high school team. It would cost \$25/hr to rent the gym and the board can approve time on Sundays in November. Moving forward practices can only be scheduled once the basketball practice and game schedules are set. They will need to provide a copy of their insurance and have liability waivers signed. Dan made a motion to allow Hampden Storm to rent the TWB gym based on availability and that their paperwork is in. 2nd by Eric, approved 5-0.

Memorial Park – The Kabota is in. The park looks great! The board is looking to have a plumber go to the park to winterize the bathrooms. Nov 16th/17th will be the final day of the season. The board will try to get the batting cages down this Thursday.

Fall/Winter Sports – The 3rd grade basketball team has 16 kids but only one coach. It was decided that Dan will break up this team into 2 teams. We have purchased additional keys to give to the coaches this season. Erin and Bryan need 2 more TWB keys for a total of 4. They can be kept at the Wilbraham Parks and Recreation office, or they can be left at the lockbox at the Hampden Police Station. The Hampden coaches will each get a numbered key, and we will keep a list of who has the keys. Any organization using the gym will need to give a \$50 deposit check for the key.

Winter Parents Night Out – Suzanne made a motion to approve the flyer and registration form as written, Terry 2nd, motion passed 5-0.

Park Director – The board will need a pay scale as well as write up a list of job qualifications.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 22nd at 6pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.