

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, October 11, 2022
TOWN HALL

APPROVED October 25, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:01.

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

Minutes – Dan made a motion to approve the September 27th meeting minutes as amended. Terry 2nd, all in favor 5-0.

Bills & Payroll– All approved.

Public Comment – Discussion about if Parks and Recreation has ever hosted or would be interested in hosting a 5K. RAH used to sponsor one in the past. The department could consider contacting “Run 413” to plan a 5K in the future.

Memorial Park – The board discussed the Kabota order that was placed last July and how it might be better to cancel that order and get another Kabota that is currently in stock. Steve agreed that it would still be beneficial to get a Kabota for the park. Kristen will contact MBTractor to place the order.

Basketball – The deadline for registering for basketball is October 20th. The board discussed the Suburban tryouts and team numbers, as well as the current Hampden rec basketball team numbers. At this point, there still isn’t a basketball coordinator, however, the board discussed some options to potentially create a paid coordinator position. The board also discussed how minimum wage will be increasing to \$15/hr starting in January. Dan made a motion that all scorekeeper/gym attendants will be paid \$15/hr starting at the beginning of basketball season. Eric 2nd, all in favor 5-0. There haven’t been any additional applications for scorekeepers/gym attendants.

Soccer – Everything is going well. Julie ordered medals and trophies and asked if it she could coordinate an end-of-season party or if it was only something that was done after the spring soccer season. Julie can reach out to the coaches to see what they think, and Kristen will check the pavilion schedule for availability.

Family Spooktacular – Carrie provided an update on the Family Spooktacular. There will be a food truck and about 14 people have volunteered to decorate their car trunks for the “Trunk-or-Treat.” There will also be games and activities.

Update on Park Director Position – Carrie had spoken to Advisory to discuss the process for creating a new department position. The board then discussed putting together a power point presentation about the Park Director position for the Annual Town Meeting. All information, including salary, would need to be ready by February.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 25th. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.