

**HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2020**  
**TOWN HALL**

Approved, October 27, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:01.

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

**Guests:** Luke Gonyea, Derrick Biermann

**Review Minutes:** Eric J. made a motion to approve the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes. Carrie 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 5-0.

**Bills & Payroll:** Town Hall is currently closed and since the meeting is being held via Zoom, the bills cannot be signed at this time. There aren't any bills that need immediate signing, however the board members can go to Town Hall to sign the bills when possible.

**Public Comment** – Luke Gonyea spoke to the board about offering a free, socially distant workout program and would like to use space at Memorial Park to host the weekly meetings. Everyone would bring their own equipment, such as a yoga mat, and Luke would use town forums to get the word out about the program. The program would be scheduled after 5pm during the weekday, or during the day on the weekends. The board thought this was a great idea and recommended using the overflow parking lot at Memorial Park. Luke will send a write-up to Parks and Rec and Kristen will post it on the Town website.

**Administrative Assistant Report** – All departmental COVID-19 expenses through the end of September have been submitted for reimbursement.

**Soccer & Futsal** – Futsal had to cancel practice last week due to the storm, however there will be a make-up day scheduled. Everything is going very well with soccer.

**Memorial Park** – Kristen will contact Haluch to schedule closing down the sprinkler system and winterize the bathhouse. It would be best if they could close the park on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. The over-seeding at the fields is working. Kristen will forward the maintenance list of daily/seasonal responsibilities for the park to the board. It was also decided that the batting cages will be taken down on Sunday at 8:30 am.

Dave T. spoke about getting the infield dirt for the baseball field however at this time there isn't anyone who can complete this project. It is likely that this will need to wait until the spring. The department is still waiting to hear back from the Conservation Commission about the dead tree that is located by the brook at the park that needs to be taken down. Parks and Recreation is responsible for paying for the removal of any trees at the park however the department can look into adding a warrant to the next town meeting for tree removal as there are a few trees at the park that need to be cut down.

**Future Program Ideas** - Derrick spoke about the competitive baseball tryouts and that there will be a meeting soon to discuss the U13 and U15 baseball teams. As of right now, it is unlikely that basketball will be able to run this season.

Eric J. called the meeting to adjourn at 7:22. Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor 5-0.