

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, October 27, 2020
TOWN HALL

Approved, November 10, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:01.

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

Review Minutes: Eric J. made a motion to approve the October 13th meeting minutes. Dan 2nd, all in favor 5-0.

Bills & Payroll: Everything had been approved.

Public Comment – The Town is happy with how the Parks and Recreation Department has set up the COVID reimbursement by line items. The reimbursed money will go into the revolving account.

Administrative Assistant Report – Nothing to report.

Soccer – A complaint was made to the Board of Health about COVID procedures. Eric D. addressed the issues with the coach and he attended 2 games on Friday and Saturday. The parent that complained appreciated Eric's efforts. If we still have COVID restrictions in the spring, we will need signs up that state the rules and put COVID information into the code of conduct. Soccer ends this Saturday, October 31. Granby soccer was shut down by the Board of Health for non-compliance.

Basketball – Wilbraham has had more than 200 registrations for the November basketball sessions. Ask Superintendent Ganem if we can use the TWB gym only. There will be no CYO basketball this year. Quabbin is still waiting to make a decision.

Memorial Park – The board discussed fixing the dugout roofs and the baseball field at Memorial Park. There has been money allocated for the fields and Dave has already begun talking to other companies for quotes to complete the work. Dan made a motion for New England Soil and GBS to deliver and spread the dirt on the field. Eric J. 2nd, all in favor. There were also three quotes to review for fixing the dugout roofs. Eric J. made a motion to approve Jason Walbridge to fix the roofs, Dan 2nd, the motion passed. The board will also ask Jason to check on the roof of the RAH building to see if any work is needed.

Memorial Park Closing – Ed is working on the bathhouse. The sprinklers have been winterized. Marty had left directions on how to shut down the water. Ed's last day for the season will be November 5th. Question raised of if the town bought the ultra violet lights for cleaning.

Future Program Ideas – The board discussed the next annual town meeting and if the department should prepare a request for CPC funds for the following: the removal of some trees at Memorial Park, fix the trench by the softball field, fix the fence, buy new woodchips, replace the bench/swing and replace the teeter-totter.

Eric J. called the meeting to adjourn at 7:30. Dave 2nd. All in favor 5-0.