

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, March 31, 2020
TOWN HALL

Approved April 14, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:03.

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

Guests: Bob Markel

Minutes – Minutes tabled until next meeting.

Bills - Bob said that board members could go to Town Hall to sign bills.

Report from Administrative Assistant – Nothing to report at this time.

Spring Sports - Currently, spring sports are TBD, and are in alignment with the MIAA. We are waiting to hear from Randy Piteo regarding soccer and the Administrative Assistant has contacted Erin and Colin about baseball. If the season is cancelled, the department will honor all refunds. There is still hope that there might be a season.

COVID-19 – There have been no large gatherings at the park. Bob said that Town Hall is mostly empty as the rule is to work from home. The normal functions of government are continuing. Have to keep an eye on the parks as there is concern about virus transmission. It is not warranted to close the park at this time.

Summer Program – Will have to assess over time as the current situation may affect the opening of the program. Send out an email to let people know that as of now, the camp is still taking place. Numbers may be affected due to the inability to get flyers out to the schools before they closed. Info will also be put on Facebook page.

Memorial Park Well – Quabbin Valley has not returned any calls or reached out when asked to call. Dave met with someone who works for Stabbin Well in CT and Dave is of the opinion to switch companies. The board needs to know what has been paid to date from CPC for the well. Dave also met with an electrician who said that any electrical work for the well would be minimal. Dave ordered the new fixture for the spray park and called Mountain View Landscaping for an estimate to open/close the park. They are currently unable to set a day to give the estimate. Need to give a deadline to Mountain View as the park will need to be opened soon. Dave will follow up with South Shore as well. Eric J will contact Halluch to ask when they can resume sprinkler installation. Will need to get a second reading on the water flow.

Memorial Park – Dave spoke about ordering mulch to replenish the playscape as the last time it was replaced was 2017. Dave got two quotes, of which one is from Behr's, who had worked at the park before. The board will need approval from Conservation as this project will be within 50 feet of the water. Bob let Parks and Rec know who to contact. Eric made a motion to go with Behr, and that Dave is approved to allocate up to \$2,000 to complete the project at the park. Eric D. 2nd, all in favor 5-0.

Eric J. spoke to Ed about getting additional mulch for the park and he will get quotes from Mulch and More and Rocky Mountain. The board discussed having murals painted at the park, of which all were in agreement. Some pipes in the bathhouse need to be replaced as a result of constant wear from chemicals, but this will be taken care of when the new pump is installed. CPC funds might be needed to update any other pipes in the bathhouse.

Ed will replace trash cans with plastic ones with covers. He also asked about replacing some trees, which will be further discussed. Still need some quotes for additional tree removal. The softball field fencing needs to be replaced along third baseline against the tree line.

Bob told the board the Annual Town Meeting is now June 15th and the election is June 22nd.

Eric J. called the meeting to adjourn at 7:07. Dave 2nd. All in favor 5-0.