

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, September 22, 2020
TOWN HALL

Approved, October 13, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:02.

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

Review Minutes: Eric J. motioned to approve the August 25th minutes. Dave 2nd, all in favor 4-0. Carrie motioned to approve September 8th minutes. Dave 2nd, all in favor 4-0.

Bills & Payroll: All bills approved.

Public Comment – The board discussed the update on when Parks and Recreation programs can be held in the school buildings. It was always believed that these programs could be held after a specific time. However, there is no time limit and rather rec programs cannot be held during times when “lawful school programs” are being offered. The use of gym space needs to be discussed between the District Office and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Administrative Assistant Report – The office’s COVID-19 expenses to date have been submitted. Competitive Baseball tryouts are this weekend and all roster information needs to be sent to Wilbraham Parks and Recreation by Friday.

Soccer & Futsol – The soccer program is going great and the first games were this past weekend. The office received an inquiry about Futsol and whether non-residents can register. The board said that was fine. Currently there are 7 registrations.

Field Maintenance – Haluch went to Memorial Park and moved the sprinkler heads on the field. They also re-programmed the sprinkler system and aerated the field. Dave also gave an update regarding the cost and timing of when the dirt will be replaced at the upper field as well as the cost to lift and replace the bases. There was a problem with the water flow at the park, but it has now been turned off.

Future Program Ideas – Kristen will contact Mad Science to get more information about the after-school programs. She will also email Kate to see if there are any updates regarding any library Halloween programs at Memorial Park. Parks and Rec can also look into running a flag football league.

Eric J. called the meeting to adjourn at 7:15 Dave 2nd. All in favor 4-0.