

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, September 30, 2021
TOWN HALL

APPROVED October 14, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:15pm.

Members Present –Eric Jacobson, Carrie Joseph, Dan Slattery, Dave Turcotte, Brett Castellano (6:50)

Guests – Steve Bennett, Hugh Scott, Phil Chesky, Paul Marquez

Review Minutes – Make a correction to include “Dalessio Overhead Doors”. Dan made a motion to approve the September 14th meeting minutes as amended. Eric 2nd approved 4-0.

Review Bills & Payroll – All bills approved.

Public Comment – Baseball update: Dave reached out to the upset person from the last meeting. Memorial Park update: Steve showed the board a bucket from the Spray Park fixture. They all need to be replaced. He will go see Todd at Hampden Auto Body to see if they can be fixed.

Basketball – The basketball clinic from this past weekend went well! Mike did a great job, and the board would like for him to run more clinics. Suburban try outs took place last weekend.

Fall Soccer – The Board met with Phil, Paul, and Hugh to discuss the formation of girls or co-ed teams and talked about how to improve the registration forms and communication to coaches. A question for the soccer league is, if we have both boys and girls register for the same team, why is that team automatically put into a boy’s league? Should/could it be if you have more girls on a team, you play on a girl’s league and if there are more boys, you play on a boy’s league? The league should also have the addresses for the soccer fields as well as better directions. We need the protocols written down about addressing concerns with the board and following a chain of command. Can we look at what materials we are using to paint the soccer field lines; does the equipment need to be adjusted? Can Steve zip line the nets? Did we order the new nets?

Baseball – The batting cages will possibly be taken down the weekend of October 23 & 24. Brett will reach out to Mason Dean to clean up the infields at Niccum and TWB. Kristen, can you check with Lawn Tech about the spraying for fields and weeds?

Memorial Park – The vents in the bathrooms need to be replaced as all the motors are burnt out. The lights in the big pavilion are not working. (2 outlets and lights). Dave made a motion to repair/service the electrical work to a new circuit. 2nd by Eric, approved 4-0. We will offer to put up a sign for Nick D. at Dalessio Overhead Garage. We will also offer to put up a sign for Matt Pronovost. Dave will call Just John to have him service the push mower. Movie Night is scheduled for October 15th. Derrick Biermann will be there to help. Kristen, can you ask Mark where we are with the trench on the softball field?

Public Safety Night – October 8th 4-7pm. Eric J. will be there to set up at 3:30. Kristen is making goody bags.

Communication – to get people involved we need to send out information. Send info to Dorothy at HWRSD for Sharon’s newsletters. Also send info to Kate to include with library news.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.