

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2020
TOWN HALL

Approved September 22, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:04.

Members Present: Eric Jacobson, Carrie Joseph, Dave Turcotte, Dan Slattery, Eric DeGray (6:30-7:37)

Guests: Jeff Johnson, Mike Duffy

Review Minutes: Minutes tabled until next meeting.

Bills & Payroll: All bills approved.

Public Comment – The Parks and Recreation Board thanked Jeff Johnson for the volunteer work that was done to fix the bathhouse plumbing at Memorial Park.

Erin from Wilbraham Parks and Recreation has requested to use the fields at TWB for the cross-country program. Eric made a motion to allow the Wilbraham cross country program to have practice at TWB on Tuesdays between 5-7. All in favor 5-0.

Administrative Assistant Report – Starting in September, the office will be open on Mondays and Tuesdays for regular office hours, with different hours set for Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Soccer & Futsol – Soccer practices have started however we are still getting late registration inquiries. These registrations can be accepted at the discretion of the coach. Kindergarten will play 4 games this season; grades 1/2 have 7 games. The games are scheduled at Soule Road, Stony Hill and TWB. As of today, there are no registrations for Futsol.

Future Program Ideas – Mike Duffy spoke about potentially starting a skills-based basketball clinic through Hampden Parks and Recreation. Mike is an assistant basketball coach at Western New England College and has also started coordinating group basketball lessons. The board discussed the logistics for creating a basketball clinic, such as hosting the sessions at TWB or Memorial Park, the number of sessions that would be offered, limiting the number of registrations due to COVID-19 protocols, and the cost of the clinic. The board will also need to inquire about insurance and if Parks and Recreation would be able to use TWB for the clinic.

The department still hasn't heard a response from Haluch regarding the scope of landscaping services that are completed at Memorial Park every year. The board asked Kristen to re-send the email request as a follow-up.

Eric J. called the meeting to adjourn at 7:37 Dave 2nd. All in favor 5-0.