

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes January 30, 2018
Town House

Approved February 13, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Members Present: Terry Ford, Dave Paradis, Eric Jacobson and Heath Joseph, (6:15) Phil Tarsi via speaker phone

Members Absent: - none

Also Present: - Kristina DeGray, Dan Slattery

Bills: - signed

Mail/Correspondence: - none

Agenda Items:

Minutes: *Dave motioned to adopt the January 23, 2018 meeting minutes as amended, Eric seconded, all in favor, 4-0*

Soccer: Kristina came in to address the board in regards to proposal submitted by soccer coach. She doesn't want to lose program and feels that having a competitive team out of the current league will not allow enough players for a rec team. Eric responded that 'we' don't want to lose kids who leave to go elsewhere to play competitive soccer. Kristina feels that this will wash out program. Eric asked Dan Slattery if he had polled all kids and Dan responded that he had only reached out to current fourth graders and the one player who will be 11 in February. Dave made reference to not reaching out to the third and fifth graders. Dan replied that they would be playing at the lower end of U11. Heath asked what will we do with the kids who want to play that have parents that can't travel. Kristina replied that if we don't have a 10-12 team then we will have to try and send our players to East Longmeadow if they have room and parents will get frustrated. Heath added numbers are down and we were starting to build program, this will be like restarting program again. He told Kristina if this team goes to Roots, it falls under her as coordinator – can she take this on? She readily agreed that she would take this on. Heath directed to Dan that Kristina needs to be able to coordinate and that he, (Dan) was only the coach to which Dan replied that he could be more than the coach. Heath reminded Dan that it wasn't Dan's team or program, then Dan stated "I've done all the legwork". Heath reminded Dan that she (Kristina) is the coordinator and this was going to be a Hampden soccer team and that she would be the point of contact.

6:45pm – Eric excused himself for a phone call

Dan then stated that he could be the assistant coordinator. Kristina replied that she was fine and didn't need an assistant. Dave informed Dan that this would be the board's decision on what happens. Dan reminded him that payment is due to the league by March 1st. Heath stated that this would fall under the umbrella of Parks & Recreation and all correspondence would come from the office. AD to create new registration form and email with brief message to all age/grade eligible players. Registration will end by February 23rd. and this discussion will resume at February 27th meeting. Heath again stated that this will be run under the auspices of this office and coordinator Kristina

RAH/Banners: Derrick Biermann from RAH stopped in and said to send bills to them.

Meeting with BOS: AD cancelled appointment for board to discuss her safety and space concerns and read email that was sent to BOS.

New Business:

Basketball: AD will send bills to both teams that did not replace themselves for games scheduled at TWB.

Next meeting scheduled for February 13th at 6pm.

With no further business, Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm Heath seconded, all in favor 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors,
Assistant Director