

**HAMPDEN PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MEETING MINUTES-APRIL 26, 2005**

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Mike D'Agostino, Tina Albano. Also present were Andrea Berthaud, Bob White, John D. Flynn, and Jay Fenlason.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:13 P.M.

Bills: The bills were reviewed and paid.

Minutes: Tina made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 22, 2005 meeting. Mike seconded. All were in favor and so voted.

C.A.R.E.S.: Andrea Berthaud addressed the Board as to the placement of the 2nd phase of the playground installation at Green Meadows School. The playground will not interfere with any of the Park and Rec. Department athletic fields. Tina made a motion to give C.A.R.E.S. the approval for the placement. Mike seconded. All were in favor and so voted.

Director's Report:

-Jay gave an update on the Red Sox Trips.

-**Spring Soccer:** Jay presented an update on the new goal delivery and installation plan. He also discussed the mowing of the fields with the Board. He has an outside contractor to help with field maintenance if the need arises.

-**Baseball:** The uniforms and new equipment have been ordered. Most of it has arrived and been dispersed to the teams. The Baseball/Softball seasons will all begin in the next two weeks.

-**Summer Activities Program:** Jay proposed the hiring of Kara Vicalvi of Hampden as the Director of the Summer Activity Program. Kara has been a camper, C.I.T., and a Counselor in the program. Both Sue Gorman and Jay felt that she was the right choice to run the Summer Program. The Board requested that Kara attend the next Park and Rec. Meeting to meet the Board. Tina made a motion to appoint Kara as the director. Mike seconded. All were in favor and so voted.

-**Memorial Park Work:** Jay is to get quotes for the work that has been approved at Memorial Park and present them at the next meeting. There is some question of whether the work can be done before the budget becomes official. Jay is to check on that possibility.

Spring Cleaning: Chris expressed some disappointment with the maintenance of the RAH Building at Memorial Park and the athletic fields at both Memorial Park and TWB. He expects Jay to fill in the gaps when work needs to be done, as per Jay's job description.

Pool/Pool Sub-Committee: Tina provided an update on the ongoing work of the Pool Sub-Committee. They, along with the Girl Scouts, are helping to plant flowers around the Bath House on May 4, 2005. Jay has spoken with the Girl Scouts about the placement of the flowers. The Sub-Committee is working on a survey to assess the wants and needs of the townspeople in regards to the pool/bathing beach at Memorial Park.

Tina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47. Mike seconded. All were in favor and so voted.

Next meeting: May 10, 2005 at 7:00 P.M..

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