

Approved 9/27/05

HAMPDEN PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
Meeting minutes September 20, 2005

Meeting called to order 7:50pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Huck House and Larry Forrest. Mike D'Agostino arrived at 8:40pm. Also present were Bob White and Brian Fitzgerald.

Bills: Reviewed and paid

Minutes: Minutes from August 9, 2005 were read. Huck made a motion to accept. Larry seconded. Minutes from August 23, 2005 were read. Huck made a motion to accept. Larry seconded. Minutes from September 15, 2005 were read. Larry made a motion to accept with a change. Regarding the WSC U14 boys' soccer practice at TWB with Norm Bandoski and Art Ferrara. The team will continue to practice for now and come to another meeting to discuss the fees contingent on all waivers being signed by the players and returned to the Park and Rec office. Huck seconded.

Sport Evaluations: Larry suggested we try to come up with a new system for evaluations of all sports. The current system is not very satisfactory. The board did not have any input in the past. Larry feels that an independent evaluator is not always knowledgeable of the player's skills. Larry suggested a four point scoring system which would involve three past coaches and one independent. The coordinator can oversee the evaluations. Larry feels the coaches should be involved since they have worked with the kids and know their skills.

Baseball Evaluations: Registration forms will be sent home from school next week. The sign up period will be October 3 – October 14. Evaluations will be October 19 and 22. A uniform deposit will be required now and returned when the uniform is returned.

Basketball Registration: Basketball signup sheets will also be sent home from school next week. The sign up period will be the same as baseball.

Fall Soccer: The East Longmeadow/Hampden boys' teams have 17 players on a team. U11 & U12 will be playing on a modified field in the spring. We need a set of flags for the small field. Debbie will call Whip's to see about getting a set. We need to hire someone to paint the fields. Larry said that his daughter, Katie Forrest will take the job. Every Thursday (weather permitting) she will paint the lines on the two fields and the practice area.

CPC Update: Chris said there will be a meeting in October. He thinks the bills we sent for the fence and crushing the pipe were paid.

Cori Checks: Chris said we have been unregistered since March. Chris will volunteer to do the Cori checks since he is not coaching. Debbie is going to type up a letter submitting Chris McDonald as our replacement for Jay Fenalson. Chris will fill out all of the forms involved. Chris feels that we should shred the Cori forms after they are submitted.

Movie Nights: We will be starting movie nights. October 22<sup>nd</sup> will be Robots. November 19<sup>th</sup> will be Star Wars 3 and December 10<sup>th</sup> will be the Polar Express. We will need to take an inventory of supplies for the movie nights.

All sport registration sheets to go home through the schools have to be approved by Mary Dionne at the Superintendent's office per John Flynn.

There will be a Conservation meeting Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 regarding the splash park.

Bob White from RAH has been selling the navy soccer turtlenecks at the home soccer games. He said he has been doing quite well.

Reviewed baseball coaches evaluations received back from parents regarding coaches McLaughlin and Donnelly.

We reviewed Bob White's email to Larry on baseball coaches' feedback on their past season.

We received an early budget request from the Selectmen's office. The budget will be due at the end of October. Chris thought of possibly resurfacing the road at Memorial Park sometime in the future. Larry mentioned trimming the trees along the park road. Huck explained that the landowners next to the road do not want the trees on their property trimmed. John Flynn was going to speak to the landowners. We will continue the budget discussion at the next meeting.

Huck motioned to adjourn at 9:50. Mike seconded. Unanimous.

Next meeting: September 27, 2005 at 7:30pm.