

Approved 11/22/05
HAMPDEN PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Meeting Minutes November 8, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Tina Albano, Larry Forrest, Mike D'Agostino and Huck House.

Also present were Rick Kapinos and Glenn Walulak.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Minutes: Larry made a motion to accept the minutes from October 25, 2005 with changes. Mike seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mike made a motion to accept the minutes from November 6, 2005 as read. Larry seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Basketball: Rick stated that the evaluations went well. There was a discussion about the number of players on the two 7th & 8th boys' CYO teams. It was decided that there would be two teams of nine each. The coach for the boys' 7th & 8th Suburban team will be Andy McQuade. There will be a special meeting on Monday, November 14, 2005 to interview coaches for the teams that have multiple coaches wanting to coach the same team.

Eight 3rd & 4th grade girls were evaluated for CYO. This leaves thirteen for the rec team. We will see if two more girls would be interested in playing CYO.

Rick met with the principals of TWB and Green Meadow to go over any potential conflicts with school events and games. Practice times will be 1 ½ hours.

Rick and Steve Hall have volunteered to conduct the evaluations for the boys' 3rd & 4th grade rec teams. They are looking for more help.

Rick had some concerns regarding a player on the boys' 5th & 6th Suburban team. He feels that the boy might not be ready skill wise to play at that level. Rick thought he might prosper more in CYO. He suggested moving him down to CYO and moving the top CYO player up to Suburban. Rick said he would talk to the boy's parents and get their feelings on the matter.

Soccer: Glenn expressed his concerns that due to conflicts with baseball and lacrosse in the spring, there may be a shortage of kids at the eleven and up groups to field teams. He also feels that the thirteen and up would benefit by merging with Wilbraham because of number issues.

Baseball: The Board discussed the breakdown of teams based on the evaluations. After a short discussion, it was agreed upon to table this until the next meeting. Larry made a motion to redo the baseball evaluations for the 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th with the help of RAH. Tina seconded. All in favor.

Conservation Emergency Form: The Board completed and signed the MA DEP WPA Emergency Certification Form and returned it to the Conservation Commission so that repairs to Memorial Park could be made.

Dumpster Service Agreement: Paperwork was received from Allied Waste after the dumpster was removed from Memorial Park. Deb will call to find out exactly what the form is for and whether or not we need to fill it out.

Board Communication: Chris made note that no official department business can be conducted by email. The Board needs to discuss and agree on business at the meetings.

Baseball/Basketball Refund requests: Norm Badoski has requested a refund from baseball 2005 because his son signed up but never played. The Board will look for his registration form.

Keith Hummell has asked for a refund from boys' basketball because they will be moving out of town. The Board agreed to refund his registration fee.

Basketball Scholarship Request: There was a request from a family for a scholarship. The Board will forward this to RAH.

Procedure for Using School Gyms: A Facility Use form would have to be filled out and the applicable fee would have to be paid by any person or group using the gyms.

Policy for Getting Uniforms Back: A \$30 deposit will be collected at the time of uniform issuance. This will be returned when the uniform is returned to the Parks & Recreation Office.

Disposal Of Old Movie Screen: John Flynn made a recommendation to discard the old movie screen. It is covered with mold and is no longer being used. The Board agreed.

New Business: Tom McLaughlin has offered to winterize the bathrooms at Memorial Park at no charge. The Board was appreciative of his offer. Tina will contact Tom to make the arrangements.

Soccer Registration: spring soccer registration will run from November 17, 2005 to December 3, 2005. The forms will be copied and sent home through the schools.

Huck made a motion to adjourn at 10:45pm. Larry seconded. All in favor.