

Approved 5/23/06  
HAMPDEN PARKS AND RECREATION  
MEETING MINUTES MAY 11, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:37pm.

**Attendance:** Chris McDonald, Larry Forrest, Huck House and Mark Goossens. Bob White arrived at 7:50pm. Also in attendance was John Flynn.

**Minutes:** The minutes from April 25, 2006 were read. Huck made a motion to accept the minutes from April 25, 2006 with changes made by Larry. Larry seconded. All in favor 4-0.

**Bills:** Bills were reviewed and paid.

**Welcome New Member:** The Board welcomed new member Mark Goossens.

**Field Worker:** John explained that we need someone to maintain the baseball/softball fields. We have had someone doing this for the past few years. Raking and lining of the fields is needed to prepare for the games.

Huck left at 7:55pm, back at 8:10pm.

**Camp:** Deb met with Kara to start organizing this year's summer program. Pay rates for the camp staff were reviewed and an alternate site was discussed. Larry will speak with Deb Thompson about using Green Meadows School if the spray park is under construction at Memorial Park.

**Park Bathrooms:** There was a discussion about opening the Park bathrooms during baseball and softball games. Vandalism has always been a big problem. The bathrooms cannot be left unlocked all of the time. If a Board member is at the Park, the bathrooms can be opened, but need to be locked up after. Officially the bathrooms are closed, but a Parks and Recreation Board member can open them.

**Park Cleanup:** Glenn and Darcey Walulak cleaned the bathrooms at the Park. The pool area and the RAH building need to be cleaned up. The Board members will work on the cleanup this weekend.

**Field Inspections:** The duty officer of the week will do field inspections once a week at TWB, Green Meadows and the Park. Emptying the trash will also need to be taken care of. There was a discussion about new trash containers.

**Soccer Coach Classes:** MYSA would like to hold a coaches clinic at TWB. They usually give a discount to the Hampden coaches attending the clinic. Larry made a motion to try

to put the coaches' education program in place with approval from Noel Pixley. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0. Chris will make the arrangements with MYSA.

**Memorial Park Road:** The trees and bushes along the road to the park need to be trimmed back. The Board will try to attend the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss this.

**Bleachers for the Park:** Huck is checking into the different types and prices.

**Elections:** Larry made a motion to keep Chris as chairman. Huck seconded. All in favor 4-0. Chris chose Larry to remain as co-chairman.

**Old Business:** RAH money available: There is money available to oversee both baseball fields at TWB. A recognition sign will be put up.

Sport Coordinator help: Chris will write up an ad for the paper to try and get people to help out the sport coordinators.

Red Sox Game: We will try to get a flyer on the Red Sox game to be distributed thru the schools.

Park Fence: Huck sent in the contract to Brodner-Campbell Fence Company to do the work on the fences around the ball fields. Huck gave them available dates to do the work. He is still waiting to hear back from them.

**New Business:** Soccer Field Set-up: We usually give a gift certificate to the person who aligns the fields at the beginning of the season. We will ask RAH to help out with that.

Movie Night: June 3 has been set as a movie night. The movie will be determined at a later date.

Park Play Equipment: The play equipment at the Park needs to be inspected. The Board members will check on it this weekend.

Office Computer: We will check into getting a computer for the office.

Mark made a motion to adjourn at 9:30pm. Huck seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Next meeting: May 23, 2006 at 7:30pm.