

Approved 7/11/06
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES JUNE 27, 2006

Meeting called to order 7:33pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Huck House and Bob White. Mark Goossens arrived at 7:39pm. Also in attendance were Sue Rauscher, Beth DeSousa, Carolyn Brennan, Glenn Walulak and Patty Ehlers.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Minutes: The minutes from June 13, 2006 and June 21, 2006 were read. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes from June 13, 2006 as read. Huck seconded. All in favor 3-0. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes from June 21, 2006 as read. Huck seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Spray Park Update: Sue, Beth and Carolyn reviewed the revised proposal from the Spray Park Company with the Board members. The contractor has time available in August to start. Mark Feeney may be able to find a place to dispose of the cement. Huck will check into a place to dispose of the tar. Sue will check into transportation of the materials to the disposal sites. Sue has a fundraiser planned at Fenway Golf. Maybe sell bricks with engraving. Donations received from Monson Savings Bank. Possibly some advertising for them. Sue had an offer from the company of two free years of opening and closing of the Spray Park if advertising is put up on the equipment. The Spray Park will be designed and set up so that the smaller children will be in one area. Mark made a motion to go forward and authorize approval to have the plans drawn up for a 70' diameter Spray Park for Memorial Park. Huck seconded. All in favor 4-0. Chris and Sue signed the proposal.

Soccer: Pioneer Valley will be re-voting the 8v8 issue per Glenn. Some of the towns are not prepared to buy the smaller goals that will be required. Pioneer Valley has raised their fees to \$230/team. The U9 (grade 3) and the U10 (grade 4) boys' numbers are down. Glenn will call this group to see if anyone is willing to play up and who is staying in Hampden and who is signed up for Wilbraham. Also, he will check with Wilbraham to see if they have room for all of the kids if we do not have enough left for a team. Six second grade girls are willing to play up to form two teams of U9 girls. This will leave 14 girls in the East Longmeadow (grades 1&2) league. Bob will call the six girls to confirm and to make them aware of the \$10 increase in moving to the Pioneer Valley league. Bob will also call Bart Lipkens about coaching the 1st & 2nd graders. Chris will call the boys who played spring kindergarten soccer and have not signed up for 1st grade fall soccer to see if they are interested in playing. The 1st & 2nd grade boys need to increase their numbers.

Email: A reminder from Chris that no communication of Parks & Recreation business can be discussed via email. Only general business is allowed.

Old Business: Chris called Mary Dionne at the Superintendent's office to question as to why a Wilbraham Soccer Club flyer was sent home through the Hampden schools. Dr. Gagliuducci will be calling Chris back.

Bleachers: Types and prices of bleachers were discussed. The new bleachers will be 15', 5 rows of seating with vertical rails. Huck will check into the shipping costs.

Red Sox Trip: The game for Sunday, June 25, 2006 was rained out as the bus got to Fenway. The rescheduled game was the next day.

Park garbage: Emptying the garbage at the Park will be added to the duty officer of the week's job.

Park Road: Gary Wiener has marked the boundaries along the Park road. Huck will check to see if he has finished.

New Business: The Friends of the Library have asked to use the popcorn machine for the Library grand opening on July 1, 2006. The Board has approved that request.

The Garden Club has offered to landscape the area around the Memorial Park sign. Deb will check with Sue Rauscher since she purchased the sign and has done work around it in the past.

Huck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm. Mark seconded. All in favor 4-0

Next meeting July 11, 2006 at 7:30pm.