

Approved 11/14/06
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 24, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Huck House, Bob White and Mark Goossens. Larry Forrest arrived at 7:50pm. Also in attendance were Rick Kapinos and Mike Cronin.

Minutes: The minutes from October 10, 2006 were read. Mark made a motion to accept the minutes from October 10, 2006 as read. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Basketball: The tryouts for the travel teams will be October 25-28. Rick is still looking for some help on some of the days.

The 3rd & 4th graders will have one night, October 25th. Right now it looks like there will be 2 girls' teams and 3 boys' teams.

The girls 5th & 6th and 7th & 8th will be on October 26th and 28th. The 5th & 6th should have 2 teams. The 7th & 8th may possibly combine with Wilbraham since our number is low and Wilbraham is getting a low turnout.

The boys 5th & 6th and 7th & 8th will be on October 27th and 28th. Rick needs more facilitators for these age groups. The 5th & 6th may have 3 teams and the 7th & 8th will have 3 teams.

Rick and Mike will have the numbers ready by Sunday. We will have a special meeting on Monday, October 30th at 6pm to review the teams and coaches. There will also be a special meeting on Wednesday, November 1st at 7pm for coaches' interviews if there are conflicts. Deb will post the meetings. Rick will hold a coaches' meeting on Thursday, November 2nd to go over new league rules, paperwork, and gym schedules. Larry brought up some suggestions from Steve Karpells from last season regarding the tryouts. It was pointed out that the kids should be told that it is not so important to make the shot. Some of the kids get upset if they do not make a shot. They should not be stressed or pressured just have fun. The mechanics, techniques and form are what are important. The first time through a station the kids will not be evaluated.

The foul shooting station will be changed to 2 on 1. All three will be evaluated on rebounds and defensive skills. There will be four or five repetitions.

Rick will emphasize to the evaluators that if they miss a child, they need to go to Rick or Mike to make sure that they evaluate that child.

RAH will purchase gift certificates for the basketball and baseball evaluators and facilitators.

The new travel uniforms were ordered. They will be reversible with numbers on the front and back and say Hampden. The shorts will have a logo. The white and green uniforms will be used for the rec teams. Coaches need to collect a uniform deposit before handing out a uniform. They will also need to collect the \$25 travel fee.

A parent has asked that his 2nd grade child play up with 3rd & 4th graders. Mike does not recommend this. Playing up is allowed IF the team is hurting for players. Larry made a motion to not allow the child in question to play up. There is not a need to fill the team roster. Huck seconded. All in favor 5-0.

The Suburban and CYO leagues are requiring colored mouth guards. Photo IDs for players and coaches may also be a possibility.

New Business: Noel has asked about new trophy cases for TWB to display all of the sport trophies that are over there. They are currently in one case in the cafeteria and all over the tops of the book cases in the library. We are unable to purchase new cases. The Board members will go over there and weed out the old trophies and box them up for now. Bob will get the boxes.

Dumpster-After the next pickup in November, we will stop the trash pickup for the winter and resume again in the spring. The RAH building will be cleaned out before the service is stopped.

Refund-A basketball refund was requested. Rosters are not set yet. The refund was granted.

Baseball-Bronco evaluations went well per Mark. There will be two equal teams. We may need evaluations for the 7th & 8th graders in the spring.

Old Business: Softball-There were not enough U10 girls for the NEYSA tryouts. Larry will mail their checks back with a letter. Larry made a motion to charge \$70 for rec softball for the 2007 season. Mark seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Spray Park-The cement pad construction has started. Carolyn emailed Chris. They will be pouring the concrete this week.

Bathrooms-Tom McLaughlin has offered to winterize the Park bathrooms. Chris will check to see when the construction will be done for the year first in case the construction crews are using the bathrooms.

Park Road-Dana needs a clear directive from the Selectmen to do the cutting and trimming of the brush to the property lines that Ecotec set. A letter will be sent from the Parks and Recreation Board to the Board of Selectmen.

Huck made a motion to adjourn at 9:26pm. Larry seconded. All in favor 5-0.