

Approved 5/22/07  
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES MAY 15, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm.

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

**Baseball:** In regards to the incident on May 5, 2007 between Coach Walter McLaughlin and Coach Rick Kapinos, Rick has said that he is not looking for any further action other than noting the incident with the Parks & Recreation Department. Bob spoke with the parents that had a complaint. They do not want to pursue any further. CW Zimmer sent an email to John on 5/15/07 with complaints from a Wilbraham coach against Walter McLaughlin and Jeremy Donnelly. The Wilbraham coach was involved in a verbal confrontation with Jeremy after the game (5/14/07) in front of the players. The Hampden team won the game 25-3. The Wilbraham coach states that the Hampden coaches kept sending kids home and running up the score and were not interested in sportsmanship. John sent an email out to the Tri-town teams coaches regarding sportsmanship. The Board would like Walter McLaughlin and Jeremy Donnelly to come in to the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to discuss the two incidents and hear their explanations. John or Mark will speak to them about attending the meeting. The baseball and softball scoreboards do not work. John will look at both of them. Bill Wilson worked on the softball field at the Park and it looks great. George Flanagan is doing a great job as the field worker for the baseball field at the Park.

**Spray Park:** Chris received an email from Carolyn Brennan confirming the opening ceremony date of June 16, 2007. We may possibly have a snack bar open that day. The RAH building needs to be cleaned out and the restrooms need to be opened and cleaned. A snack bar area will be set up in the RAH building. Several ideas were reviewed. Plan A would be to staff the snack bar with two people from 12-4pm Monday – Monday. The staff would be responsible for keeping up the stock, emptying the trash, clean up and lock the restrooms, pickup and return keys to Police and take care of the cashbox. Larry will speak to the Chief about leaving the cashbox with Police. This would be funded through the snack bar profits. Plan B would be to charge a fee and stamp hands as a way of knowing who has paid. Plan C would be to hire an adult/retiree for supervision. The Spray Park hours will be 12-6pm Monday-Friday and 11-5 Saturday and Sunday.

Claude Bisson will open the restrooms Friday or Saturday. Larry will speak to Brett Purchas about ordering the camera for the Spray Park. The camera will monitor 24/7. Brett may come in to the next Tuesday meeting. Bob has looked into phones for the Park. There would be two cordless, the base at the lifeguard office and the other at the RAH building. Bob will make up four signs to display the Spray Park rules.

Chris will buy the snacks at COSTCO.

The Park cleanup will be June 2 at 9am.

**Park Pavilion Rentals:** The pavilion can be rented from 12-6. A party can stay after 6pm but the pavilion will then be open to the public. Larry made a motion to raise the pavilion rental fee from \$35 to \$50 for 50 or less people and from \$50 to \$75 for over 50 people effective for everyone who has not made a reservation and paid as of 5/15/07. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.

A sandwich board or some other type of a sign will be put out at the pavilion on days that it is rented. The staff at the snack bar will be made aware of rentals.

Mark made a motion to adjourn at 9:45pm. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.

Next meeting: May 22, 2007