

Approved June 12, 2007
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES MAY 22, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Larry Forrest and Huck House. Bob White arrived at 7:50pm. Also in attendance were Walter McLaughlin, Jeremy Donnelly, Officer Brett Purchas and John Flynn.

Minutes: The minutes from May 8, 2007 and May 15, 2007 were read. Huck made a motion to accept the minutes from May 8, 2007 as read. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0. Huck made a motion to accept the minutes from May 15, 2007 with changes. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Spray Park Security: Officer Brett Purchas discussed options for a wireless camera to be placed at the spray park and monitored at the Police dispatch desk. The Board would like a digital expandable system that would record on to a hard drive with a split screen monitor at the Police department. Motion lights will be on the Park at night. Brett will put some specs together and have pricing for the June 12th meeting. The Board will have to find a contractor to do the job. Also, a box and heating element were discussed if the unit was to be kept in the RAH building.

Baseball: Walter McLaughlin and Jeremy Donnelly were asked to come in to the meeting to explain their side of the story regarding the games of 5/14 and 5/2. CW sent over an email relating the Wilbraham assistant coach's story from the 5/14 game. Walter and Jeremy said that their team was ahead and that the Wilbraham assistant coach started yelling at the Hampden coaches and the umpire after every call. He was swearing and aggressive towards Walter and Jeremy. The Hampden coaches said that their team was scoring on hits and that they stopped sending kids home because they were ahead by quite a bit. After the game, when the teams were shaking hands, the Wilbraham assistant coach pulled Jeremy up to his face and remarked about lack of sportsmanship. Walter and Jeremy said that they did not swear or raise their voices. They walked away to avoid a confrontation. The Wilbraham head coach apologized to Walter and Jeremy after the game. Walter reported this to CW the next morning. The Wilbraham assistant coach admitted to using foul language in front of the kids. CW's email does not mention Walter's phone call the next morning (5/15/07). Larry will get in touch with CW. Walter and Jeremy were reminded not to run up the score or steal bases when their team is ahead by a lot and to come to the Parks and Recreation Board when there are any problems. Walter was asked about the game on 5/2/07 against Rick Kapinos' team. Remarks were made by Walter to Rick that sounded confrontational. Walter and Jeremy said that they did not argue any umpire calls. The Board needs to investigate all situations and complaints. They want to hear both sides of a story.

Huck had to leave during the baseball discussion. He returned during the old and new business discussions.

Old Business: Spray Park Snack bar-A snack bar will be set up in the RAH building and run by two people. Chris and Larry have some people who may be interested in starting this up. We may have three or four teams of two people. Bob will make up signs.

Pavilion Rentals-Huck made a motion to adjust the rental hours to 10-5pm. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Pavilion Sign-Bob made a motion to buy a sandwich board for the park pavilion rentals. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Restrooms-Larry will call a plumber to open the park restrooms.

Office computer-Bob got a quote on a HP computer system. John got a quote on a Gateway system (state contract). Bob made a motion to purchase the Gateway system, which is the same computer as the other town offices have, with the upgraded memory and the 19" monitor. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Bob made a motion to purchase a 24 sheet shredder from Staples with a \$20 coupon. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Fall Soccer Registrations-Sign ups will end May 31. Bob and Mike Cronin are planning evaluations for some of the age groups.

New Business: The Board received a request for a fee adjustment for the summer program due to a special school program the child needs to attend part of the time. Larry made a motion to allow an hourly charge of \$32/wk for the summer program for the month of July due to special school circumstances. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

Campership-We received a campership again this year from the Federated church. Sue Rauscher has a family in mind that could benefit from this. Deb will contact Sue and let her know it is available.

Board changes-The Selectmen's office has asked to be notified of any Board changes. The Board has remained the same, there are no changes. Deb will draft a letter to Pam.

Park cleanup-Clean up at the park will be June 2. The RAH building needs to be cleaned up, the pavilion and restrooms need to be cleaned.

Uniform deposit checks-Two pairs of basketball shorts have not been returned. Larry made a motion to deposit the checks and return half of the money for the jersey. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 9:45pm. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Next meeting: June 12, 2007 at 7:30pm