

Approved 6/26/07
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES JUNE 12, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:43pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Larry Forrest and Bob White. Mark Goossens arrived at 8:36pm. Also in attendance were Mike Cronin, Andrea Stolar, Kara Vicalvi and Brett Purchas.

Minutes: The minutes from May 22, 2007 were read. Larry made a motion to accept the minutes from May 22, 2007 as read. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Summer Softball: Andrea Stolar would like to start up a U12 Suburban softball team. It would be open to the towns of Hampden and Wilbraham. She would like 18 girls. There will be an ad in the Reminder and she emailed coaches looking for interested kids. Andrea and her husband would prepare and take care of the softball field at Memorial Park. The Parks & Recreation Department will require waivers to be signed. There will be a fee for the uniforms which will have their names printed on the back. They will play 12 games. Andrea supplied a copy of the insurance certificate from the league.

Summer Program: Kara would like to create a split counselor position. The hours would be 8-12 and 12-4 which would cover the after care. The Board agreed to a staff total of 7 full time counselors, 4 split counselors, 8 CITs, 1 snack bar person, 2 head counselors and the director. The counselors and split counselors positions will rotate. The staff total to start will be 23.

Soccer Update: Spring - The East Longmeadow league was run better this season than in the past. It went well. Both U9 girls' teams did well. The U11 girl's team went to the championships and came in second place.

Fall - Several people have signed up to coach. The U9 girls will be a B or a C team. The U10 girls may have two teams of 11 each. Tryouts will be Wednesday and Saturday. There will be four evaluators. Bob and Mike Cronin will facilitate. The East Longmeadow league girls should have two teams and the boys may have three teams. We will not have a boys U9 team. All 20 3rd and 4th graders could have tried out for the U10 team. Fifteen showed up to the evaluation. Mike and Bob email everyone to notify them about the evaluation. Hampden is offering a boys U10 C division team. The soccer teams will only be using the small field in the fall. We will need two goals. Bob and Mike mentioned that the current uniforms are heavy when playing on warm days. They would like to discuss uniforms in the future.

Old Business: Spray Park-The spray park is on a timer. The hours for now are 10-7pm. The snack bar will be open everyday from 12-4. The bathrooms will be unlocked and locked by the snack bar staff. There are currently three teams of two people that will rotate to work the snack bar. The cashbox and keys can be kept at the police station in a few weeks when their construction is done.

Park Phone & Sign-Bob looked into a phone for the Park. The pricing was too high. He also found a sandwich board to announce pavilion rentals but the company required a credit card.

Park camera-Brett Purchas will be at the next meeting. He has prepared a packet of information for the equipment to be reviewed by the Board. He said that once the equipment is shipped we should have it in about seven days.

New Business: Softball-Wilbraham will be offering a softball clinic per Larry. The 2008 softball evaluations will be held in September. A flyer will go home in the school envelopes when school starts up again. The WNEC varsity coach will run the evaluations. Wilbraham will pay the cost.

Summer Program Special Circumstance-The Board received another request for a fee adjustment for a child that needs to attend a reading program for a portion of the day and would still like to attend some of the summer program. Larry made a motion to allow the same schedule and payments that were allowed previously to accommodate the school reading program. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Baseball Jamboree-The baseball jamboree will be held on June 22 at the Park. It will be run differently this year so that some of the kids are not just hanging around waiting for their turn to play. Five or six stations will be set up. Sprinting, target throwing, homerun derby, and a radar gun are some of the activities planned. Trophies will be awarded. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be for sale. Jay Ray will set up the stations.

Town Website-Mark will look into putting more Parks & Recreation information on the town website.

Girl Scout Request-Deb Joy and the girl scouts would like to improve the picnic tables that are under the pavilion at the Park. Larry made a motion to give the girl scouts permission to improve the ten picnic tables at Memorial Park. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 9:58pm. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Next meeting: June 26, 2007 at 7:30pm