

Approved 7/24/07  
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES JULY 5, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:38pm.

**Attendance:** Chris McDonald, Huck House, Bob White and Mark Goossens.

**Minutes:** The minutes from June 26, 2007 were read. Huck made a motion to accept the minutes from June 26, 2007 as read. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

**Bills:** Reviewed and paid.

**Snack bar/Spray Park/Summer Program:** The spray park has been shutting down a couple of times a day for 30-60 minutes at a time. Mark Feeney has been looking into this. He met with the installers of the three phase pump and they would like to meet with the electrician and trouble-shoot the problem. They are looking at the timer in the phase converter. Huck has been backwashing the system almost daily. He has tried a few times to set the timer for 10-7pm but has not been able to as of yet.

The Park will be closed to the public during the summer program hours of 9-2pm Monday through Friday. Bob will make a wooden sign and post it at the park to inform the public of this. He will also post the signs with the spray park information/rules and the restrooms signs. Mark Feeney suggested maybe putting the system on bypass during the summer program hours to keep it running and avoid some of the "on and off" stress on the pump. Cones will be put across the road that leads to the RAH building to prevent cars from driving through there.

The camp staff will unlock the bathrooms Monday through Friday until August 10<sup>th</sup>. A Board member will lock them up about 7pm daily and open and close them on the weekends. The police will be making more frequent visits to the Park. Huck made a motion to make the duty officer of the week responsible for locking up the bathrooms at the Park daily. If the duty officer cannot make it, then another Board member will be called. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

There will be no snack bar except for the camp snack bar. The floodlight and pavilion lights are on the same timer and are currently set for 9pm-midnight.

Possible ideas for the next summer season were charging a fee per day at the spray park, purchase window stickers for cars, \$1 charge/child.

The camp director would like to hire someone she knows to fill in on week 2 of the summer program as a counselor. Two of the staff will be away that week. The Board would like to use the existing staff first to fill in. If this can't be done then hiring additional help is approved.

An ad will be put in the Hampden-Wilbraham Times notifying the public of the Park hours during the summer program.

**Friends of the Library:** The Friends of the Library have asked to borrow the Parks & Recreation Department's movie setup and popcorn machine. They would like to show a movie on July 10. This request has been approved by the Board.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 9:35pm. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Next meeting: July 10, 2007 at 7:30pm.