

Approved 9/25/07  
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION  
MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

**Members Present:** Chris McDonald, Larry Forrest, Huck House and Bob White. Mark Goossens arrived at 7:34pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes from August 28, 2007 were read. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes from August 28, 2007 as read. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

**Bills:** Reviewed and paid.

**Old Business:**

Spray Park Closing – The spray park will be shut down for the season on Sunday, September 16. The system is still not working properly. Deb will check with Sue Rauscher and Mark Feeney to find out who to contact about the problems or if anyone is addressing the issue. Chris will add more chlorine so that there is enough for the weekend. Larry is the duty officer this weekend and will shut down the spray park on Sunday. The restrooms will stay locked after Sunday unless there is a rental or a game at the Park. Mark will unlock the restrooms for the fall baseball games. The Board will look into purchasing a small blower to clean off the cement pad of the spray park. This will help to keep the filter cleaner and free of wood chips, grass and small rocks.

Bleachers for Memorial Park – Mark is looking into the pricing of four new bleachers for the Park. Two will go to the baseball field and two will go to the softball field. The old baseball bleachers will go to the TWB baseball field. CPA money will be used to make this purchase.

Recycling – The recycling program at the Park is going slowly per Chris.

Girl Scouts Thank You – Chris drafted a thank you to the Girl Scouts who restored the pavilion in the woods at the Park. Larry made a motion to accept Chris's letter of thanks to the Girl Scouts. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.

**New Business:**

Men's Over 35 Basketball – Jim Morris has asked if the Parks & Recreation Department would once again sponsor the Men's Over 35 basketball league. They would like to play on Sunday evenings at TWB at 7pm as they have in the past. The starting date would be September 30<sup>th</sup>. Huck made a motion to allow the over 35 Men's basketball team to play Sunday evenings at TWB. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0. Deb will put a news item in the Times and put it out on the signboard.

Sponsorship – Quinn's Fine Jewelry offered to sponsor a Hampden team. They sponsor a team in Wilbraham and would like to do the same for Hampden. The Board discussed ideas if more sponsorship were received. Deb will let Quinn's know that we are very interested in the idea and are trying to put together a package and will get back to them.

**New Business Continued:**

Field Maintenance – Huck will call Prospect Lawn care to find out the updated pricing on the baseball and soccer field maintenance.

Movie Nights – Huck will start to look into movies for November.

Dumpster Schedule – The dumpster pickup schedule will be changed to once a month instead of twice a month. We will stop the pickup service in November.

Winterize Park Bathrooms – Larry will speak to Claude Bisson about pricing for winterizing the Park restrooms in November.

Park Cleanup – The Board members will do a Park cleanup day on Saturday, September 22. The RAH building needs to be cleaned up again, weeds are growing up through the fence near the pavilion and the corner by the bathrooms is a mess.

Clerk's Salary – Table to next meeting

Baseball 2008 – Mark will pick dates for the baseball signups and evaluations. Huck made a motion that Mark can go forward and coordinate signups and evaluations. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0. Mark will let the Board know if he needs help with the evaluations.

Softball NEYSA 2008 – Larry is taking care of the NEYSA softball signups and evaluations. The fee will be the same as last year. The teams will be a Hampden-Wilbraham mix as in the past. He will let the Board know if he needs help with the evaluations.

Huck made a motion to adjourn at 9:10pm. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.

Next Meetings: September 25, 2007  
October 9, 2007

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk