

Approved 10/9/07
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm.

Members Present: Chris McDonald, Huck House and Mark Goossens.

Absent: Larry Forrest and Bob White

Minutes: The minutes from September 11, 2007 were read. Mark made a motion to accept the minutes from September 11, 2007 as read. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Old Business:

Spray Park Problems Update –The Spray Park was shut down on September 16th for the season. Mark Feeney has been in touch with South Shore regarding the problems with the system. We are waiting for a winterization date and a new single phase pump motor.

Clerk's Salary – Mark made a motion to raise the clerk's salary to \$12.22, which is a grade 6 step 2 on the Tabor Salary chart, retroactive to her anniversary date of August 25. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

New Business:

Spray Park Overview – The Board reviewed the expenses incurred by the Spray Park during the first season. There was a brief discussion regarding the budget figures for the next season. Huck will look into pricing for installation of a sprinkler system in the spray park area.

Basketball – Rick Kapinos, the basketball coordinator, would like to start registrations for the 2007-08 season. He would like to hold tryouts on October 27, 28 and November 3 for travel teams and November 10th, if needed for the Rec teams. Huck made a motion to go ahead with Rick's suggestions as far as the boys and girls registrations and tryouts. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

DEP Number – Mark is working on closing out the DEP number that was used for the Spray Park work.

Baseball – The baseball registration forms are now out. RAH will be helping the baseball program with field maintenance, uniforms and equipment. They will be looking into possible sponsorships.

Bleachers – Mark is researching the pricing of new bleachers for the Park. Three quotes are needed.

Memorial Park – The Board is seeking a determination as to whether they are in their right as far as prohibiting the public access to the Park during the Summer Program hours. Chris will draft a letter to the Selectmen asking for the Town Attorney's opinion on the matter.

Spray Park Camera Update – The Police Department will be updating their system and adding the Park camera at the same time. The timeframe is unknown.

Soccer Field Setup – Huck made a motion to purchase a \$50 gift card for the person who aligns the soccer fields at the beginning of every season. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

Prospect Lawncare – The Board reviewed a quote that was received from Prospect for fall lawncare at the TWB soccer and baseball fields. The quote will be passed on to RAH. The Parks and Rec. traveling sprinkler was discussed as a means of watering the baseball field. More hose would be needed. Huck will let Prospect know that we will not be able to fit this into our budget for this year, but it may be possible for next year.

Huck made a motion to adjourn at 9:06pm. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

Next Meetings: October 8, 2007
October 23, 2007

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk