

Approved 10/23/07
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 9, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm.

Members Present: Chris McDonald, Larry Forrest and Huck House. Bob White arrived at 7:40pm.

Absent: Mark Goossens

Also Present: Rick Kapinos, Mark Feeney, Sue Rauscher and Carolyn Brennan

Minutes: The minutes from September 25, 2007 were read. Huck made a motion to accept the minutes from September 25, 2007 as read. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Basketball: Basketball registrations are being accepted now through October 26th for grades K-8. Tryouts will be held for the travel teams. Evaluations for Rec. teams will be held only if necessary. Rick Kapinos was contacted by Brian from Wilbraham Parks & Rec. about an interest from some Hampden parents in forming a Suburban Hampden-Wilbraham A team. Brian and Rick are exploring the possibility for next season. Rick will be going to a Suburban meeting and will check on the league rules as to whether or not towns are allowed to combine to form a team.

Spray Park: Mark, Sue and Carolyn came in to the meeting to discuss and update the Board on the progress of the Spray park issues. Mark informed the Board that South Shore is sending an electrician to check out everything on Thursday. The pump motor has been replaced already and the problem still exists. The question came up as to whether or not there is three phase power on Main Street. Lance Trevallion will give Sue the name of someone who can tell us if the power on the street is three phase or not, and the approximate cost to get it down to the Park. Mark stated that once South Shore winterizes the system, we will have to pump out the tank. He also suggested that we have South Shore start up the system in the spring to make sure everything is working well. We will have to pay for the spring opening.

Softball: The NEYSA evaluations were held for the Hampden and Wilbraham girls. Letters will be going out this week. There will be one A team, one B team and two C teams.

Old Business:

The Board reviewed the two letters that Chris drafted to the Selectmen regarding the public being allowed access to the Park while the Summer Program is in session. The Board would like the Town Attorney's opinion on the subject. Larry made a motion to accept the long version of Chris's letter to send to the Selectmen. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

New Business:

The Board received a notice about the Special Town Meeting. The Board has no warrants for the meeting.

Chris will attend the Connect-CTY training class on Thursday.

New Business Continued:

Paul Stolar has offered to take care of the softball field. He will prepare a wish list and come in to a meeting to discuss what is feasible.

Baseball – RAH will be purchasing new equipment for baseball. Larry will come up with a proposal for softball equipment to present to RAH.

Huck made a motion to adjourn at 9:10pm. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Next Meetings: October 23, 2007 7:30pm
November 13, 2007 **7:00pm**

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk