

Approved 1/8/08
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 2007
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

Members Present: Chris McDonald, Larry Forrest, Bob White and Mark Goossens.

Absent: Huck House

Also in attendance: Rick Kapinos, Michael Cronin

Minutes: The minutes from November 27, 2007 were tabled to the next meeting for further discussion regarding the CPR class.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

TWB Gym Floor: Rick Kapinos and Michael Cronin came in to the meeting to discuss the condition of the TWB gym floor. It is very slippery and when the dirt from the outside is tracked inside, the floor gets even worse. There is a cause for concern with the youth basketball program underway. The floor is being treated weekly, but we are not sure as to what the treatment actually is. Rick has been approached by parents as to the state of the floor. Mike and Rick have met with the Selectmen to discuss the situation. The possibility of a coating being applied to the floor was discussed. Larry made a motion to ask the TWB custodians to try a floor coating to see if it will help the situation. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Budgets: The Board reviewed the spray park expenses for this past summer and will plan on budgeting \$2900 for electricity and chemicals for the next fiscal year. An estimated cost to open it next summer will be \$1800 and \$2200 to winterize it making a total cost of \$6900 to operate the spray park for the 2008 season. This is to be added to what we asked for last year for operating expenses, which was \$4100, plus 2.5%. The operating expense request for the next fiscal year will be \$11,105. The Board is still working on the capital improvement budget figure. Quotes will be needed for the replacement of the fences at the TWB ball field with 6' or 8' fences, and to repair the scoreboard at the softball field.

The salaries budget figure request for the next fiscal year will be \$5600. Last fiscal year we received \$5125. Larry made a motion to request \$5600 for salaries for the 2009 fiscal year budget. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Mark made a motion to request \$11,105 for operating expenses for the 2009 fiscal year budget. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Larry made a motion to request \$2175 to repair the scoreboard plus the quote for the fence replacement for capital improvements for the 2009 fiscal year budget. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Mark made a motion not to request funds for line items 30.4-30.9. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Annual Report: Chris presented the annual report for 2007. Mark made a motion to accept the report as presented. Larry seconded. The motion carried. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Spring 2008 Soccer – Spring Soccer registrations will start on December 18th and run through January 19th. The registration forms will be distributed through the schools next week. Saturday registrations will be on January 5th & 12th from 10-11:30. Bob will email Debbie the new registration form.

Old Business

CPR Class - Chris presented the letter he drafted to the Fire Chief in regards to the CPR class that was held on November 19th. All members of the Board in attendance agreed to send the letter as is to the Chief.

Movie Nights – There will be two movies shown in January. Meet the Robinsons will be on January 12th and Hairspray will be on January 26th.

New Business – None

Mark made a motion to adjourn at 9:16pm. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Next meetings: January 8, 2008 at 7pm
January 22, 2008 at 7pm

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk