

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION  
MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 26, 2008  
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:09pm.

**Members Present:** Chris McDonald, Larry Forrest and Bob White. Huck House arrived at 8:10pm.

**Absent:** Mark Goossens

**Minutes:** The minutes from February 12, 2008 were read. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

**Bills:** Reviewed and paid.

**Gym Use:** A couple of Wilbraham coaches have asked to use our gyms for their practices. Fees are currently \$15/session for a team consisting of 50% or more Hampden residents and \$50/session for a team consisting of less than 50% Hampden residents. A session is 1 ½ hours. Waivers have to be signed by each player and turned in to the Parks & Recreation office and the fee paid prior to use of the gyms. Gym time would then be scheduled depending on availability. The softball program is the exception. Softball is a Hampden-Wilbraham program and falls under one umbrella. The softball coaches have free use of the gym for practice for their teams.

Larry made a motion to deny Wilbraham baseball or soccer coaches gym time due to the lack of availability at this time. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0. Requests will be considered on an individual basis.

**Baseball** - Behavior letter and collection of fees – Tabled

**New Business:**

Registration payments owed – A list of payments owed was reviewed by the Board. Larry will take care of the two from softball. Bob will take care of the one from soccer. RAH will honor their certificates. A second letter will be sent concerning a basketball fee. One baseball situation was tabled.

Prospect Lawncare for 2008 – Prospect sent a schedule and pricing of lawn care treatments for spring, summer and fall for the two soccer fields at TWB. They are offering a discounted price if the whole season is paid for by March 15, 2008. The Board reviewed and compared last year's payments and treatments for the two fields.

Bob made a motion to pay the lump sum of \$4005.96 to Prospect for the 2008 spring, summer and fall lawn care. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

CPR Class – A CPR class is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Melville Room. This class is free to coaches and assistants.

Softball Rec Signups – Softball registration for the Rec League for grades 1-6 will be March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7pm and March 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 in the Parks & Recreation office. The cost will be the same as last year. If necessary, evaluations will be March 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will go out through the schools.

**New Business continued:**

Spring Soccer – Bob will be meeting with Lil’ Dogs to order T-shirts for the kindergarteners and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, soccer balls for kindergarten, pinnies, socks and nets for the goals. The season starts April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Fields – Bill Wilson and the Stolars will be working on the softball field at the Park. The TWB field in the far right hand corner next to the golf course will be fixed up for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade baseball.

Volleyball Club – A flyer for a volleyball club was forwarded to the Parks & Recreation office for consideration in sending it through TWB. The program is run through the Wilbraham Recreation office. They are trying to get Hampden kids interested in joining. It is open to grades 6-9. Signups would be March 18-28. Larry will speak with Wilbraham Park & Recreation for more information.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:23pm. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Next meetings: March 11, 2008 at **7:30pm**  
March 25, 2008 at **7:30pm**

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk

