

Approved 3/25/08

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes March 11, 2008
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

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

Also Present: Jay Ray and Michael Cronin

Minutes: The minutes from February 26, 2008 were read. Huck made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Summer Program 2008 – Kara Vicalvi came in to discuss this year's summer program. She does not feel that she will need to advertise for staff. She will contact last year's employees first. Kara expressed her concerns about the public issues that came up last year. The Board will be discussing Park policies. This season's program will run for six weeks instead of the usual 5 weeks beginning July 7th and running through August 15th. Discount pricing will be offered for early registration and full season sign ups. Kara would like the game schedules for soccer and baseball when they are out. She will come in to the meeting on April 8th with more information. Summer Program registration forms should be sent out to the schools before April vacation. The possibility of getting water to the RAH building or purchasing a garden sink will be looked into.

Baseball: Jay Ray presented an agenda and a baseball budget for FY 2008. He also presented uniform options for the 5/6 and 7/8 grade teams. Mark made a motion to accept the proposal for new uniforms. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0. RAH would like to donate \$1500 towards rebuilding the field behind TWB in the far right hand corner next to the golf course. This would include new dugouts. We would need to check with Noel Pixley and notify the Selectmen of our intentions. Mark made a motion to refurbish baseball field #2 at TWB School next to the golf course as RAH presented and to construct two dugouts at the field all to be funded by RAH. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.

A summer baseball league may be formed with registration forms possibly going out to the schools on June 3.

Field paint needs to be ordered for soccer and baseball.

Bleachers: Tabled to next meeting so a report can be put together.

New Business:

Hampden-Wilbraham softball would like to combine 3rd/4th with 5th/6th to form one rec team in the 5th/6th grade level.

New Business continued:

Uniform deposits checks can no longer be held by Parks & Recreation per the auditors. Larry made a motion to no longer take uniform deposit checks. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.

Larry made a motion to adjourn at 9:29pm. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.

Next meetings: March 25, 2008 at **7:30pm**
April 8, 2008 at **7:30pm**

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk
(Minutes taken by Bob White)