

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes July 22, 2008
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.

Members Present: Huck House, Bob White and Rick Kapinos.

Members Absent: Larry Forrest and Mark Goossens

Minutes: The minutes from the July 8, 2008 meeting were read. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Rick seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Summer Program Request: A request for a refund for a week at the summer program was received. A child attended the program the first day then missed the rest of the week due to illness. The child was diagnosed with Lyme's Disease. Bob made a motion to refund the family \$64 for four out of the five days. Rick seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

Costco Membership: Rick made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Department purchase a membership to COSTCO. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0. This will make it easier to purchase the bulk supplies for the summer program and movie nights. Purchasing the membership was also approved by the town accountant.

Playground: The camp director notified the Board that the kid's castle play equipment is in need of attention. The Board will look into it.

Friends of the Library: The Friends of the Library will be using the pavilion at Memorial Park on July 31 for a pizza and movie night for teens from 6:30-9:30pm.

Old Business:

Outstanding Balances - Another letter will be sent out to the families that still owe their registration fee for spring baseball. Jay Ray sent out the original invoices, he also sent out email reminders and the Parks & Recreation office sent out a letter on 6/11/08. Future registrations for any sport will not be accepted until past balances are paid in full.

Signs for Park – Bob updated the wording on the sign for the Park for the Board's review. The Board approved of the sign. Bob will finalize it.

Bleachers – The new bleachers will be assembled after the summer program ends and people are back from vacations.

New Business:

Park Restrooms – Paper towel dispensers and toilet paper dispensers will be ordered for the restrooms.

Court System Community Service Program – Small groups of people who are doing community service for the court system are available to help out wherever needed. They have blowers, weed whackers, trash pickers... and can do pretty much whatever needs to be done. A court supervisor is always with the group. These people are not incarcerated; they are just doing required community service. They help out in the Hampden Police station and around town. The Board came up with some things that need to be done at the Park such as sweeping the pavilion, picking up trash, cutting back the weeds that are growing through the fence around the spray park, possibly painting the backstops and dugouts. A call will be made to the coordinator to find out the group's availability.

New Business Continued:

CORI Recertification – The Parks & Recreation Department has received the CORI recertification and Huck has received his approval to be the CORI officer. Huck is required to attend a CORI class. He is looking into available dates.

After Care Policy - Tabled

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 7:38pm. Rick seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Next meetings: August 12, 2008 at **7:30pm**
August 26, 2008 at **7:30pm**

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk