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## HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION

### Meeting Minutes October 14, 2008

#### Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:20pm at Memorial Park  
Minutes taken by Rick Kapinos

**Members Present:** Larry Forrest, Mark Goossens and Rick Kapinos.

**Absent:** Bob White and Huck House

**Playground Inspection:** Each structure on the playground was inspected for damage and potential for causing injury. Rick made a motion to make a repair to the “zipline” apparatus, by replacing the damaged top piece of the step-off area with the bottom piece, which is not damaged. Mark seconded. All in favor 3-0. Mark made a motion that we add a new layer of mulch to the new playground area, to restore the original height to the various structures and to provide a better cushioned surface. Rick seconded. All in favor 3-0. We are asking Deb to provide information on the special type of mulch used, current price, and ordering information.

Rick made a motion to remove the rubber tires from the fire truck structure as they tend to attract wasp’s nests. Mark seconded. All in favor 3-0. The tires will be removed as soon as possible.

There was a discussion about creating a position specifically as caretaker for the Park area (spray park and playground maintenance, grounds keeping, cleaning, etc.) In an effort to create a job description, the Board felt that a discussion with Dana Pixley was necessary to determine where DPW responsibilities might intersect with this position.

Rick made a motion to invite Dana to our next meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> to have this discussion. Mark seconded. All in favor 3-0.

The bridge at the Park is still in need of repair. Rick made a motion to ask the Lions Club if they are planning to handle these repairs, as had been previously discussed. Mark seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Meeting continued at the Parks & Rec office at 7:15pm  
Minutes taken by Bob White

**Members Present:** Larry Forrest, Bob White, Mark Goossens and Rick Kapinos

**Absent:** Huck House

**Minutes:** The minutes from the September 23, 2008 meeting were read. Rick made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

**Bills:** Reviewed and paid.

**Summer Program Guidelines:** Tabled to next meeting.

#### **Old Business**

Spray Park Sprinkler System - A quote was received from The Irrigator for installation of a sprinkler system in the spray park area. Jeff Merigian from The Irriator will be invited to the next meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss ground prep before installation and to address other questions and concerns of the Board.

Bleachers – The bleachers have to be assembled or moved out of the RAH building so that the spay park features can be stored in there for the winter. A possible date for this is November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

Pavilion Rentals – The pavilion rentals for 2008 were reviewed by the Board.

Basketball Evaluations – Evaluators and help with the signins will be needed for the tryouts. The dates are listed on the registration sheets. Scorekeepers for the games are also needed. Uniforms will be purchased for the Suburban teams for both the boys and the girls. Dick's gift certificates will be purchased for the evaluators.

Mark made a motion to adjourn at 8:24pm. Rick seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Next meetings: October 28, 2008 at 7:30pm  
November 11, 2008 at **7:00pm**

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk