

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes October 28, 2008
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm

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

Absent: Mark Goossens

Minutes: The minutes from the October 14, 2008 meeting were read. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Huck seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Park Sprinkler System: Jeff Merigian from The Irrigator came in to the meeting to discuss the sprinkler system to be installed in the spray park area. The system will be incorporated into the well that is currently used for the restrooms and spray park. Jeff has run tests on the water pressure. There will be four sprinkler heads per zone with approximately 32-36 heads. Ground prep work would be done in late March or early April then the sprinkler system will be installed. Huck will talk to the ground prep people and Jeff will coordinate with them. Jeff can start his work when the grade is final. The installation would take about 2 ½ -3 days to complete. The sprinklers will cover the plants and bushes too. Jeff would need to know the depth of the infrastructure of the spray park equipment. The future walkway from the cement pad to the restrooms will be marked off for Jeff. The estimated cost for the job is \$3800. A contract will be signed in the spring before the work is started.

Larry questioned whether the breaker for the other well could be disabled so that it isn't accidentally turned on. Rick made a motion for Huck to contact an electrician to disable the breaker for the other well that is not being used at the Park. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Summer Program Guidelines: Tabled to next meeting. Huck made a motion for Rick to come up with an outline within the next month or two as a start to setting up guidelines for the Summer Program. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Park Maintenance: The Parks and Recreation Board will meet with the Selectmen on November 17th to discuss maintenance at the Park. Larry will put a list together for the meeting. Deb will post the meeting.

Old Business

The Park dumpster will be cancelled at the end of November and continued again in the spring.

The Park restrooms will be winterized and closed for the season once the spray park is winterized.

The spray park will be winterized as soon as the RAH building has room to store the fixtures.

New Line Item – Rick made a motion for Larry to speak to the Advisory Board about creating a line item account for the spray park. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

New Business

Park Basketball Court – Huck will check with an electrician about the light pole over the basketball court at the Park.

The Parks & Recreation meeting on November 11th is cancelled.

Special Meeting - There will be a special meeting on November 5th to discuss the basketball evaluation results and coaching.

Girls 7&8th grade basketball evaluations – An 8th grade girl has sprained her ankle and will have trouble trying out at the evaluations. She has played on the Suburban team for the past couple of years. Bob made a motion that she needs to show up for one evaluation. Huck seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Rick should be made aware of any child with a health or medical problem before tryouts if they cannot show up.

CYO Basketball – The CYO league will not hold evaluations this year. There may be more CYO teams than rec teams.

CORI Training – Huck and Deb attended the mandatory CORI training at STCC. CORIs have to be run on all volunteers working with children under the age of 18 years old. New regulations state that a copy of a CORI that comes back with information has to be given to the applicant. CORIs have to be submitted and received back before anyone works with the kids.

Movie Nights – November 22 will be the next movie night. Huck will pick a movie.

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Rick made a motion to adjourn at 10:02pm. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Next meetings: November 5, 2008 at 7pm Special meeting
November 17, 2008 at 6:45 Selectmen
November 25, 2008 at 7pm

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk

