

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION

Meeting Minutes December 9, 2008

Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Members Present: Huck House, Bob White, Mark Goossens and Rick Kapinos. Larry Forrest arrived later.

Also: 6-7 High School students for a US History assignment.

The meeting was moved to the Melville Room to accommodate our guests.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Minutes: The meeting minutes from November 25, 2008 were read. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Basketball: Rick gave an update on the basketball season. We have 230 kids playing. Registration fees and travel fees should bring in approximately \$16000 when all collected. Next season the travel fee for the CYO and Suburban teams for grades 5-8 will be collected up front with the registration fee. A training session was held for sixteen referees and scorekeepers. There a several new workers this year.

Rick made a motion that the pay rate for scorekeepers will be \$10/game and \$15/game for referees. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

The TWB gym floor is holding up good. The custodians use the machine on it daily. Rick and Mike Cronin wet mopped it last Sunday morning. The floor will also be swept in between games. The instructional program will start on Saturday, December 13th at the Green Meadows gym. Kindergarten will be at 8am then grades 1&2 will be 9-2pm. The Rec games will start at 2:30. The basketballs have been ordered. There has been a request from some high school students to run a mini tournament at TWB over the holidays. Rick will supervise this and referees will be provided. No teams will be bumped from their practice times.

Rick made a motion to hold a one day mini tournament with the time and date to be determined. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Budget Meeting: Larry and Huck attended the Selectmen's budget meeting for FY10 on December 1st. All departments were asked to level fund. There was some discussion about creating a line item for spray park expenses, and adding funds to the salaries line item for a park maintenance person.

The Board and clerk will prepare numbers for the FY10 budget for the next meeting on December 16th.

Old Business:

Rick wrote a letter to the Sheriff's Department thanking them for sending the Community Service work crew that assembled the new bleachers.

Summer Program Regulations – Rick has done a lot of research on line and has had a conversation with Wilbraham Park & Rec regarding rules and policies for summer camps/programs. Kara Vicalvi, the summer program director, will be asked to come in to the first meeting in January to go over camp policies.

New Business:

Conservation – A Notice of Intent needs to be filed with the Conservation Commission and the DEP for a sprinkler system to be installed at the spray park. Huck will speak with Gary from Ecotec. To be tabled to December 16th meeting.

January Movie – The movie, Horton Hears A Who will be shown on January 17th.

Meeting Schedule – The December 23rd meeting will be cancelled. A meeting will be posted for December 16th at 7pm.

Baseball – Baseball registrations for the spring 2009 season will start in January. Jay will set up the form. The new policy needs to be added.

Spray Park – A thank you letter will be sent to South Shore along with the payment for the winterization.

Spring Soccer – Spring Soccer 2009 registrations will take place December 15 – January 17.
Bob made a motion to add the new policy to the registration form and send it out through the schools. Rick seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.

Budget numbers for January – Approximate costs needed for the January 13th meeting are:

- Mulch for the playground area

- Sprinkler system cost

- Pressure treated timbers

- Topsoil and hydro seed

- Larry will check with Wilbraham Park & Rec on available grants.

Huck made a motion to adjourn at 8:35pm. Rick seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.

Next meetings: January 13th & 27th at 7pm.

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk