

**HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION**  
Meeting Minutes February 24, 2009  
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

**Members Present:** Huck House, Bob White and Rick Kapinos. Larry Forrest arrived at 7:14pm.

**Absent:** Mark Goossens

**Bills:** Reviewed and paid.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes from February 10, 2009 were read.

Rick made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

**Softball:** Larry submitted the softball signup sheet for the 2009 rec league for review. The NEYSA league signups were last fall. The rec signup sheet will be distributed in TWB and Green Meadows School for Grades 1-8. Registration will go through March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Budgets:** The level funded and 5% decrease budgets were discussed. Discussion and preparation of the budget sheets will continue to the next meeting. Some figures are still being researched.

**Old Business:**

Memorial Plaque - Bob has been researching a memorial plaque to be purchased in memory of Devon Rauscher and placed at the spray park.

Huck made a motion to go ahead with the memorial stone and plaque that Bob picked out in memory of Devon. Rick seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Bob will get some more information and do the ordering.

TWB Gym Floor – Larry bought all of the towels used for wiping the TWB gym floor in between games and was reimbursed.

**New Business:**

Donation Received – A donation was received from Mrs. Crogan's and Miss Orr's classes at Green Meadows school to be used towards the Spray Park. This was done in lieu of candy for Valentine's Day. A thank you will be sent.

Food Permit – The Parks & Rec yearly food permit was renewed. Larry signed it and it will be returned to the Board of Health.

March Movie – A date of March 21<sup>st</sup> was set for the next movie night. A movie has not been picked yet.

PA Sound System – Rick ordered the PA sound system. It will be used on March 7<sup>th</sup> for the basketball jamboree at TWB for grades 1&2.

Extra Desk – The extra desk in the office is no longer used and taking up space.

Rick made a motion to remove the desk. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Basketball Incident – Rick brought an incident to the Board's attention regarding one of the boys' 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams. One of the players started a tussle with another player. The coaches stepped in. The boy said that he quits. The coach was upset about this situation and informed Rick. The boy has done things like

this before and always comes back. The coach would like to see him apologize to the whole team with his parent if he does come back. The season is just about over. No other parents have said anything or have come forward. The Board has agreed to let the coach handle it if he wants to, or he can leave it to the Board. Rick will speak with the coach.

Coach Forrest – Rick wanted to bring it to the Board’s attention that Larry will be coaching his last Suburban basketball game soon. Rick commended Larry on his patience and commitment to his teams over the years and noted that he has truly been an asset to our basketball program.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 9:24pm. Rick seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Next meetings: March 10<sup>th</sup> & March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

**Meetings will start at 7:30pm**

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk