

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes March 10, 2009
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm

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

Absent: Bob White

Also: John Flynn

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Minutes: The meeting minutes from February 24, 2009 were read.

Rick made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Budgets: The budget showing a 5% decrease was finalized. Revolving account earmark items, maintenance and upgrades for the Park, were discussed. The level funded and 5% decrease budgets will be submitted to the Advisory Board and the Selectmen's office.

The sprinkler system work and help will be lined up so that it can be started as soon as possible if Conservation gives the approval.

TWB Gym Floor: John Flynn stopped in to give the Board an update on the TWB floor replacement plan. A cost of \$70,000 was given to put a new floor over the old floor. It will be vapor locked with venting all around. There will be two layers of line painting. Volleyball lines will be added also. New bleachers and curtain prices have not been received yet. Volunteers will help to remove the old bleachers to cut costs. The work will be done during the summer and should take approximately 4-5 days. This is a warrant article for the Town Meeting in April.

Pavilion Rental Review: The Board agreed to leave the rental fees as they are for the coming season. Rick has offered to place a notice in the newspaper to advertise that the pavilion at Memorial Park can be rented by Hampden residents.

Summer Program Review: The Board reviewed the Summer Program figures. Staff to camper ratios will be maintained and parameters and criteria will be set. The Camp Director will be asked to hold off on any hiring for now. Staff salaries and registration fees will remain the same as last summer. More advertising will be considered.

Old Business:

Basketball Incident Follow-up – The boy came back to the team with his father and apologized. He sat on the bench for one game.

Prospect Lawncare Contract – Table

Softball – Signups are complete. There will be 10 NEYSA Hampden-Wilbraham teams, rec and competitive.

New Business:

Wilbraham Parks & Rec flyers – There was a discussion about Wilbraham sport registrations and information being sent through the Hampden Schools. A Hampden parent brought up the fact that WPR registration deadlines are missed because the parents do not see any information that is sent out in

Wilbraham. Some sports and programs such as football, lacrosse and the ski program are only offered through WPR. Larry will speak with CW about this.

Park Maintenance job description – Table

Baseball – Three prospective coaches have signed up to coach the 7th/8th grade. There will be two teams. A special meeting will be held on March 17th to interview the coaches. The baseball coordinator will make recommendations.

Community Service – Rick will be speaking to the 7th graders about the importance of volunteerism and community service. He would like to have the kids actually do some community service and has asked the Board for some ideas. Some suggestions were painting at the Park and moving bleachers when the weather is a little better.

Softball Issue – Larry made the board aware of an issue in which a Hampden girl decided to drop out of the softball program. She was asked to make a decision between the town team and a tournament team that she also plays for. The coach is trying to work things out.

Baseball 7th/8th grade Coach Interview with Rick Kapinos:

Rick has coached baseball for 30 years and basketball for 30 years on and off.

Age groups coached: 1st grade through JLS 7th/8th.

In town coaching: Coached for 10 years, baseball and basketball.

CPR/first aid certified: copy on file, good through 3/2010.

Playing time: Believes in equal playing time for all players.

Assistant coaches in mind: yes, have worked together as a team for a few years.

Tri-Town team: Strive to make it fun for the kids.

Mark made a motion to adjourn at 10:53pm. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Next meetings: March 24th at 7:30

April 14th

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk

