

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes April 28, 2009
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:12pm

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

Absent: Bob White

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Minutes: The meeting minutes from April 14, 2009 were read.

Mark made a motion to accept the minutes from April 14th as read. Rick seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Park Well Covers – The two well covers need to be replaced. Mark will research pricing on concrete covers.

Park Bridge – The bridge needs repairs where the wood meets the ground. This was damaged in the 2005 flood and was temporarily patched. John Flynn spoke to the Lions Club about this at their October 2008 meeting. The Lions built the bridge and are willing to make any necessary repairs. John will speak to Jeff Liquori about any Conservation issues.

Sport Registration Forms – There was a discussion about adding a medical information section to our sport registration forms. The idea was declined.

Old Business:

Sprinklers – The Conservation Public Hearing was held and a Determination of Applicability was received. The work can be started at the Park. Jeff Merigian will fit this into his schedule when the Park is ready. Joe Grant gave a revised estimate of \$3700 to put in a new concrete sidewalk in front of the restrooms and a concrete walkway from the spray pad to the restrooms. He will be able to do the work right away. Rick made a motion to hire Joe Grant to do the excavation, sidewalk and walkway. Mark seconded. All in favor 3-0. Huck will let Joe know to get started right away. He will also speak to Bill Wilson and/or Mark Ogoley about scraping, loam and hydroseeding. This has to be done right after the sidewalk work, then Jeff will do the sprinkler work. Sue Rauscher sent an email expressing interest in putting in another sidewalk. Huck will call her and Ron.

Park basketball court – Rick will call Matt Loveling about the lighting around the court, and look into bleachers or benches for this area.

Baseball Fence – Rick and his group of volunteers started painting the new fence at the Park. Part of it is up and the rest should be up by the middle of next week. There will be an opening day game on May 9th between the two 7th/8th grade teams.

New Business:

Thank you - A thank you was received from Mile Tree School for the two gift certificates that were donated to the raffle baskets for Dr. G's retirement party on Wednesday, April 15th. Proceeds went towards the Wilbraham Hampden Academic Trust.

Park Maintenance – A candidate for the Park maintenance position will come in to the May 12th meeting for an interview.

Gary Weiner/Ecotec – A gift certificate will be given to Gary as a thank you for all of his help in preparing forms and drawing up plans for the sprinkler system to present to the Conservation Commission and the DEP.

Park Restrooms/Dumpster – Tom McLaughlin opened the restrooms for the season. The dumpster pickup schedule will start on April 30th, once/month.

Spray Park – South Shore will open the spray park and pressure test the lines on May 21st. The date to open the spray park to the public has not yet been determined, tentatively, the third week of June is being looked at.

Mark made a motion to adjourn at 8:55pm. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Next meetings: May 12th 7pm
May 26th 7pm

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk