

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes May 12, 2009
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm

Members Present: Bob White, Mark Goossens and Rick Kapinos. Marty McQuade arrived later.

Absent: Huck House

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Minutes: The meeting minutes from April 28, 2009 were read.

Mark made a motion to accept the minutes with amendments. Rick seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Tri-Town Baseball: Email discussions between Joe Lavoie of Tri-Town and Jay Ray were reviewed. A letter will be sent from Parks & Rec. to backup and support Jay and to address concerns.

Mark made a motion that Rick draft and send a letter to Joe Lavoie of Tri-Town Baseball in response to various emails sent to our baseball coordinator, Jay Ray. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0. Jay would like to keep the Tri-Town option available for the Town.

The Opening Day game between the two 7th/8th grade teams will be on Friday, May 22 at the Park. The Cub Scouts will be there for the National Anthem.

Summer Program: Counselors will work four weeks with the fifth week being per diem. Counselors will be asked if they prefer to take a certain week off. First year counselors will be paid \$8.00/hour. Kara was given health forms and CORI forms to pass out to the staff. Copies of the staff contract, staff code of conduct and personnel policies will be made and given to Kara to hand out at the staff meeting. Copies of the parent guidelines sheet will be made available at the summer program for parents to pick up.

Park Maintenance Person: Rick Kelly was interviewed for the position. The position will be 14 hours/wk, 2 hours/day. Bob made a motion for Rick Kelly to start June 13th for 16 weeks also working the day South Shore opens the spray park and training the week of June 8. Rick seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Executive Session:

Rick made a motion to go into executive session at 8:35pm. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Returned from executive session at 8:45pm.

Revolving Account: As of 7/1/09, FY2010, the \$10 administrative fee from each sport registration will remain in the sport account and not be transferred to the administrative account.

Old Business:

Spray Park Vandalism – Several plugs were removed from the spray park pad and gravel and mulch were stuffed into the holes for the screws that attach the features.

New Business:

Driving on fields at TWB – Some of the coaches have been driving their vehicles across the soccer fields to get to the baseball fields. One coach has driven across the field when kids are on it. Jay has spoken to the coaches in the past about this. Bob and Jay had a discussion about this and both agree that the coaches should not be driving onto the fields. Equipment should be carried to the fields.

New Business Continued:

Election of Chair and Vice – table to meeting with full board.

Park Landscaping – Rick made a motion to give Dave Avery a \$50 gift card for his help and maintaining the Park landscaping. Marty seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Park Septic System – Bob made a motion to have Billy Bond pump out the septic tank. Rick seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Garden Club Request – Bob made a motion to allow the Garden Club to borrow the projector on May 21st for a presentation. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Fall Soccer 2009 – Registration forms for fall soccer will be sent out through the schools. The fees will remain the same. Bob will email the form to former players. Deb will check with John Flynn about putting the form on the Town website.

Basketball 2009-2010 – Rick would like to have the basketball tryouts earlier this year. He will start organizing it.

Larry Forrest – Rick suggested a written thank you to Larry for his time on the Board. He will draft something. A message will be put on the signboard also.

Marty made a motion to adjourn at 9:34pm. Rick seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Next meetings: May 26th 7pm
June 9th 7pm

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk

