

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes May 26, 2009
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:20pm

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

Also: Brett Purchas, Dan Anderson, Jay Ray

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Minutes: The meeting minutes and executive session minutes from May 12, 2009 were read. Bob made a motion to accept both sets of minutes. Mark seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Park Camera Update: Brett gave an update on the Park camera installation. The wireless company went out of business so this is no longer an option. It would be too expensive. Charter Cable will run cable to Town buildings within a certain distance for a cheap rate. The RAH building is further away and would be very costly to run the cable to it. The other option would be DSL. Phone lines are already in at the Park and the monthly fee may not be very much. There is still the option of going wireless down the road if the cost is reduced to fit in our budget.

Summer Baseball: Summer baseball registration will be held now through June 13th. Registration will be for grades 1&2, grades 3&4 and grades 5&6. Spring T-ball will continue into the summer and grades 7&8 have scheduled games that will go into early summer. Fees will remain the same as last year. Registration forms will be sent home through the schools.

Mark made a motion to approve the summer baseball program maintaining the same fees as last year as presented by Jay. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Jay noted that the Wilbraham coaches that have been using our field have done a great job maintaining, raking and keeping up the fields.

The baseball scoreboard at the Park will be moved in when the new beams arrive. The cement has been donated.

Park Picnic Tables: The Park picnic tables have been rebuilt by Dan Anderson for an Eagle Scout project. All of the planks were replaced. He put one coat of sealer on them making them safe for eating on. The Girl Scouts may paint them in the future. The Board thanked Dan for a job well done and congratulated him on his Scout achievements.

Old Business:

Park Bridge – The Board will meet with Selectmen about fixing the embankment that keeps eroding.

New Business:

Popcorn Machine - A request was received from Dave Lalonde for use of the popcorn machine on June 5th for the Minnechaug High School Ultimate Party. The Board agreed to let him be responsible for the popcorn machine for that night.

Spray Park – John from South Shore came to open the spray park today. The lines were pressure tested and were alright. Gravel was stuck down in the holes for the bolts for the tumble bucket feature. They could not get the gravel out. They will have to come back and drill new holes and put bolts in. An

expandable plug was removed earlier this spring and gravel and mulch were put down one of the lines. The storage tank had to be cleaned out and drained and refilled again.

Park Septic Tank – Billy Bond pumped out the septic tank. He noted that either the cover or the top of the tank appears damaged and/or cracked. If driven over, it could cave in. Foot traffic would be fine.

End of Summer Celebration – Marty suggested a late summer early fall celebration picnic at the Park to recognize the updates and sponsors. Jay will speak to RAH about being involved. Some suggestions include maybe coordinate with the Big H, music, dunk tank, tables for scouts and Library..., 50/50 raffle.

Executive Session:

Rick made a motion to go into executive session at 8:55pm and to let Jay Ray, as the baseball coordinator, participate as a non-voting member. Mark seconded.

Returned from executive session at 10:25pm.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 10:26pm. Marty seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Next meetings: June 9th at 7pm
June 23rd at 7pm

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk