

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes June 23, 2009
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 8:10pm

Members Present: Huck House, Rick Kapinos and Marty McQuade. Mark Goossens arrived at 8:20pm.

Absent: Bob White

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Minutes: The regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes from May 26th were read. Rick made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes as read. Marty seconded. Rick made a motion to accept the executive meeting minutes as amended. Marty seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Park Basketball: Rick and Matt Loveling looked into lighting for the Park basketball court. It would be too expensive to use the existing pole. Matt is going to rotate one of the flood lights which should be enough lighting on the court. Ed Cindella will bring over the scissor lift and work with Matt on this. Rick and Mike Cronin will run the basketball games on Wednesday nights starting July 1st or 8th through August. They will use the basketball email list to announce this program. Fifth and sixth graders will play from 6-7:30 and seventh and eighth graders 7:39-9pm. There will be 3 people per team and they will play 15 minute games. There may be a tournament at the end of the program. One person will be hired to officiate from 6-9pm for \$20/night. Rick may try to set up a high school group on Thursday nights.

Spray Park Updates: Joe Grant finished the new sidewalk from the restrooms to the sprinkler pad. Bill Wilson excavated and spread the loam. Jeff Merigian installed the sprinkler system. The system consists of nine zones with 4 sprinkler heads per zone. The hydro seeding will be done by Grazianos. Grade stakes and caution tape will be put up around the hydro seeded area. Signs have been put up at the three entrances to the spray park notifying people that bicycles, skateboards and roller blades are not allowed in the spray park. A longer 2" backwashing hose is needed. Marty will pick up the hose, stakes and caution tape. It will be put up this week. The 4' fence in front of the pavilion and playground needs to be raised to 6' and two gates added to secure the spray park when it is not in use. Rick will put an article in the Hampden-Wilbraham Times to notify people of the improvements and to stay off of the area where the grass is trying to grow.

Big H/Celebrate Hampden: Marty attended the Art Guild meeting to ask if we could participate in the Big H events to recognize the updates that are being done at the Park. They would like us to have a table with information set up around the Town Hall. A cookout at the Park will be planned for Saturday, September 19 at 4pm. Marty spoke to RAH about this also. The Art Guild would like to promote student art and someday be able to give out a scholarship. Jay could possibly help with fundraising. Marty and Jay will attend the next Art Guild meeting on July 7th.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Rick made a motion to prorate the summer program fees for Savannah Rescia. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Ellen Bump put in a request to use the back fields of Green Meadows School for a star gazing event on July 30th from 8-10pm. A form has been sent over to the school notifying them of this. Ellen has also asked if the Parks & Rec signboard could be used for weekly summer events that the Library will hold.

Signboard Policy Change – If the signboard is available, any town organization related to children that wanted to put a message up that would benefit Hampden children may put in a request. Requests would be subject to Board review. Rick made a motion to revise the current signboard policy and recommend that any town based organization dealing with children may request to put a notice up on the signboard if it benefits the children of Hampden. Marty seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Elections:

Rick made a motion to nominate Huck as chairman. Marty seconded.

Huck made a motion to nominate Rick as vice chairman. Marty seconded.

Huck will remain the CPC rep.

Mark Goossens will be resigning from the Board. Deb will check with the Selectmen's office on the process of filling his position.

Mark made a motion to adjourn at 9:45pm. Rick seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Next meetings: July 14th at 7pm
July 28th at 7pm

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk