

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes July 14, 2009
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Members Present: Huck House, Bob White and Marty McQuade.

Absent: Mark Goossens and Rick Kapinos

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Minutes: The regular meeting minutes from June 23rd were read. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Marty seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Park Bridge: Huck spoke to Gary Weiner about the bridge embankment erosion problem. Gary was willing to meet at the Park to see what needs to be done, maybe a Notice of Intent. Marty and Bob both mentioned that the railing was loose on the bridge. Bob will take a look at it this weekend to see what will be needed to repair or rebuild it.

Spray Park Fence: The lower portion of the fence in front of the pavilion and part of the playground will be raised to 6' like the rest of the fence and two gates will be added to secure the spray park area when it is closed. An estimate was received from Brodeur-Campbell. Hastie Fence will also be asked for an estimate.

Spray Park Grass Area: The area has been hydro seeded and over seeded. Bill Wilson and Huck raked it a couple of times. Heavy rains and downpours have washed a lot of the seed away. Possibly over seed or spot seed in the fall.

Revolving Account: The money in the Admin column of the revolving account will be moved to the operating column of the revolving account. The clerk's salary was funded for the year through the salaries line item and will not be coming out of the revolving account for FY10.

Old Business:

Big H – Marty met with the Art Guild again to go over plans for the Parks & Rec's involvement in the Big H in September. They would like us to set up a table with information along with other civic organizations like the scouts, PTO, RAH, daisies... The Art Guild would possibly have a contest for middle and high school students for ideas for a mural on the restroom building at the Park. A hot dog social sponsored by Parks & Rec is planned. The Peter Pan double-decker bus may be coming. Parks & Rec will donate registrations to raffle off. An outdoor movie may be a possibility.

New Business:

Dependent care form signed for the Gamelli Family for the summer program. They have a benefit that reimburses them for the fees.

Summer Program fee adjustment approved for this year only for the Fett Family. Their child did not attend full days for one of the weeks.

Spray Park Fundraising-Sue Rauscher would like to start fundraising for another feature for the spray park. She would like to set up a table at the Park to take donations. She will be planning larger scale fundraisers in the future. The Board gave their approval.

Park rental request – There was a request by a family renting the pavilion to have a bounce house at the Park. The Board said no due to liability issues.

RAH will hold a pig roast in October at the VFW and a road race which will start and end at the Park.

The Niccum Memorial plaque needs to be put back up on the RAH building.

PVJSL – The PVJSL field use form for TWB was signed.

A resident has asked Bob if he can have the old lifeguard chairs for a donation. He would like to fix them up and use them for a beach theme around his pool. They will be used for decorative purposes. We will check with the Selectmen's office on this.

Huck will step down from the Board. An ad will be placed for two board members in the Hampden-Wilbraham Times for Mark and Huck's positions.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 9:03pm. Marty seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

Next meetings: August 11th at 7pm
August 25th at 7pm

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk