

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes August 11, 2009
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Members Present: Huck House, Bob White, Rick Kapinos and Martin McQuade.

Absent: Mark Goossens

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Minutes: The meeting minutes from July 28th were read. Rick made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Park Fence: Brodeur-Campbell Fence Company will be doing the fence work around the spray park. The widths of the two entrances from the pavilion and playground will remain the same. The entrance by the restrooms is wider and ADA compliant. Two gates will be installed and the fence in front of the pavilion and playground will be raised to 6' to match the rest of the fence. The entrance from the pavilion cannot easily be widened because a pole supporting the pavilion is in the way.

Summer Program: The Board reviewed the financial activity from this year's summer program. The Camp Director will be asked to come in to the next meeting for a discussion on this year's program and suggestions for next summer. Two refund requests were reviewed and approved.

Farmer's Market: Karen Hatch asked if there were any extra benches around the Park that could be used at the Farmer's Market. There are only a couple of benches there that are used in the spray park area. Some are at the fields at the two schools. If there are benches that are not being used, the Farmer's Market can use them.

Board position Interview: Michael Cronin was interviewed by the Board for one of the two openings. Another interested party was scheduled to come in but did not show up.

Old Business:

Big H – Marty met with the Art Guild and RAH again. A letter will be sent out to recruit involvement in this year's Big H.

Spray Park – Ed Poulin volunteered to look at the spray park motor and pumps. He checked the start up motor box and checked the amps on the three legs. One is maxed out. The box is too small for what it is being used for. Ed is pricing a larger start up motor box. He also checked the fan in the ceiling. It is not working. He will get a new motor for it and a thermal controller so that the fan will come on automatically when the pump room starts to get too warm. Ed is donating all of his labor in trying to find out why the spray park shuts down.

New Business:

Park Updates – Marty and his family cleared the area around the flagpole and planted flowers. They also put up a flag.

The grass area around the spray pad will be over seeded in September. An over seeder will be rented from Taylor Rental; some areas can be raked by hand. Organic fertilizer may be put down in the fall also.

Bob volunteered to put up a gutter along the restroom building over the doors. The rain coming off of the roof is starting to mark up the new cement walk. Rick made a motion to have Bob White put up the gutter and downspout on the restroom building. Marty seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm. Marty seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Next meetings: August 25th at 7pm
September 8th at 7pm

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk