

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes August 25, 2009
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

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

Absent: Huck House and Mark Goossens

Bills: Reviewed and signed.

Minutes: The meeting minutes from August 11th were read. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Marty seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Board Member Position Interview: Jay Ray was interviewed for the board member positions. The Parks and Recreation Board will recommend that Michael Cronin and Jay Ray be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill the two vacancies left by Mark Goossens and Huck House. The Board will meet with the Selectmen on September 9th. The two vacancies will be posted for election in May.

Baseball 2010: Rain was a big issue for the 2009 season. Jay Ray gave an overview of what he is planning for the 2010 season.

T-ball: Integrate the pitching machine and tees for the pre-K kids, form teams, utilize the Park.

Grades 1&2: Kick off jamboree, All-Star game, skills competition, 3 innings machine/3 innings kids pitch, teams picked by coordinators.

Grades 3&4: The Rec program will consist of the Eastern League (Wilbraham, Monson, maybe Palmer). A meeting will be set up with Wilbraham to discuss Tri-Town and the possibility of combining the teams for this age group. NEYSA tryouts will be in mid-September. The majority of the fourth grade kids played with independent teams last season. Wilbraham is looking at Tri-Town or Rec, not JLS. Jay and Rick will set up a meeting with Wilbraham to discuss this. If, after the meeting, Jay and Rick are comfortable with what will be set up, Jay can go ahead and notify the kids of their options.

Grades 5&6: JLS and Rec programs

Grades 7&8: Tri-Town and NEYSA

Evaluations will be done at the end of February/beginning of March using a draft format.

Some field projects will be done in the fall and some in the spring.

RAH Fundraiser: A pig roast and a 5K walk/run will be held on October 10th. The pig roast will be family orientated and will start at 2pm at the VFW. Tickets will be \$20.

Softball 2010: Andrea Stolar will be our new softball coordinator replacing Larry Forrest.

Bob made a motion to have Andrea Stolar take the softball coordinator position. Marty seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0. The Board explained some of the coordinator duties to Andrea. She will take an inventory of our softball equipment and will work with Wilbraham on the softball program. There was some discussion about moving the softball fence in. Registration forms for NEYSA softball will be made available. The NEYSA tryouts start mid-September for grades 3-8. Rec softball registrations will take place in late January for grades 1-6.

Basketball 2009-10: Basketball registrations will be held now through October 14th. Evaluations will be held for boys and girls grades 3-8. There will be one session for the 3rd and 4th graders and two sessions for the 5th - 8th. There will be a special meeting on October 19th to approve the rosters and coaches.

Old Business:

Big H – Marty gave the Board some more information from the Art Guild. They would like us and RAH to have separate tables set up on Main Street with informational handouts on what we do. Ashe Design (Bravo Photo) will have a table with baseball photos. A percentage of their sales will go to RAH. The hours of the Big H will be 10-6 on Saturday and 12-4 on Sunday. The hot dog social will be on Saturday at 5pm at Memorial Park.

Summer Program Overview Adjustments – The Board reviewed the summer program figures. The Camp Director could not attend the meeting as requested.

Informational Signs for Spray Park – Bob will work on printing up a few signs with the hours and rules. Mary will look into an informational board for under the pavilion.

Memorial Stone – The memorial stone for Devon Rauscher has not been ordered yet. The spray park renovations will be completed soon.

Well Covers – Rick Kapinos will check on the condition of the well covers.

Gutters for Restroom building – Bob will put up the gutters.

New Business:

CORI – The CORI coordinator needs to be changed with the CORI Board.

Springfield Armor Basketball – Rick is looking into a Hampden Youth Basketball night at one of the Springfield Armor's games possibly during February vacation.

Parks & Rec Website – Jay will work on a website that will have a link to it off of the Town website.

RAH Building – Marty inventoried and organized the RAH building. Jay has also been working on it.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 9:15pm. Marty seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

Next meetings: September 8th at 7pm
September 22nd at 7pm

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk

