

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes September 22, 2009
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

Members Present: Rick Kapinos, Martin McQuade and Jay Ray. Bob White and Michael Cronin arrived later.

Bills: Reviewed and signed.

Minutes: The meeting minutes from September 8th were read. Jay made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Marty seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Pavilion Rental: A request for a refund from the Weinberg family for a pavilion rental was reviewed at the last meeting. The request was denied due to lack of sufficient cancellation notice. A letter was sent to the Weinberg's notifying them of this and also to offer them any other available date in 2009. Mr. Weinberg came in to discuss this. Rick explained the Board's decision and offered Mr. Weinberg any available date in 2010 since the season is now over. Mr. Weinberg will be sent a certificate entitling him to one pavilion rental in 2010.

Spray Park Seeding: Jay will slice seed and fertilize the spray park when he does the ball fields. He has started working on the two TWB fields and the one at the park. He will be working with Bill Wilson and the Stolars to get the softball field ready also. He did not get to it last week and hopes to have some time this week.

Tom Boss, a landscaper, has offered his assistance. Bob and Mike will ask him for his help in determining the right seed and fertilizers that should be used.

Garden Club: Marty attended a Garden Club meeting to see if they would be interested in helping him in the spring with some plants. He is going to try to get some perennial donations for the park. Dave Avery has been taking care of the spray park landscaping.

Duty Officer Schedule: Rick Kelly is done with the park maintenance position for the season. The Board members will fill in for now until the park is closed for the winter.

Bob	Saturday 9/26
Marty	Sunday 9/27
Mike	week 9/28-10/4

Each Board Member will be assigned a week. The schedule will be emailed.

Election of Officers: Bob made a motion to elect Rick Kapinos as Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Board. Jay seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Rick made a motion to choose Bob White as the Vice Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Board. Marty seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Rick will be the CPC representative from Parks & Rec replacing Huck House. Deb will contact Doug Boyd to let him know.

Old Business:

Ed Poulin – Rick will write up a thank you to Ed Poulin for all of his work on the spray park.

New Website – Jay has been working on the website, hampdenrec.com. Jay will ask John to set up a link from the town website.

Baseball – Jay informed the Board that one Hampden player will be playing in the NEYSA League.

Park Bridge Erosion – Huck, Jay and Bob met with the Selectmen about the park bridge. They explained that Gary Weiner had some suggestions that would cost approximately \$5000. The area is eroded back about 6-7'. Bids will have to be acquired. This may be considered “required maintenance” by Conservation. Huck will get back to Gary to get a scope of the project. The Selectmen could put this to the Special Town Meeting in November. If approved, the work could possibly be done in late fall. Vinny Villamaino volunteered to donate rocks. Jay will be the Parks & Rec board member to get together with Gary and Huck.

New Business:

Spray Park Fence and Gates – the new fence and gates have been installed. Marty will have two new locks keyed to our lock that we have on one of the gates now.

Winterize Spray Park – South Shore will winterize the spray park on October 9th. Rick Kelly and Marty will help. Marty has been talking to the licensed plumber who takes care of Springfield’s 9 spray parks. We would like to get someone closer to take care of the spray park. Marty also mentioned that wrapping the sensor pole for the winter would be good idea.

Winterize Restrooms – Tom McLaughlin will be called to winterize the restrooms around the week of October 12th.

Dumpster – The dumpster pickup will be stopped at the end of October.

Marty made a motion to adjourn at 8:35pm. Jay seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.

Next meetings: October 13th at 7pm
October 19th at 7pm *special*
October 27th at 7pm

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk

