

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes October 13, 2009
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

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

Bills: Reviewed and signed.

Minutes: The meeting minutes from September 22nd were read. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jay seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Spray Park: The spray park was winterized on October 9th. Marty and Rick Kelly helped South Shore and also cleaned out and organized the RAH building. Marty is looking into local companies who might be able to open and close the spray park at a lower cost.

It is too late in the year to over seed the spray park area. Jay will put down a winterizer for now and do an early spring fertilizing.

New Website: Jay will be updating the new website, hampdenrec.com with the basketball rosters and a thank you to the evaluators who helped at the tryouts. Rick and Jay will work on an article to put in the Hampden-Wilbraham Times to promote the website. Jay is continually updating and working on the website.

TWB Fields: The baseball and soccer fields at TWB should be fertilized the first weekend of April. We may not have the money to continue with Prospect Lawn Care next year. An option would be to have volunteers fertilize with drop spreaders 4-5 times a year. Bob and Mike mentioned that the grass cutting schedule does not coincide with the soccer game schedule. Bob has had to cut the grass at TWB many times with his personal mower because the grass was too long for the games. Some of the coaches have had to cut the grass on the Green Meadows fields too. Jay added that the baseball mounds have been ruined by the school department mowers running over them. Rick will speak to Noel about the grass cutting schedule at TWB. Bob and Mike will head up the fertilization schedule for the spring and speak to Tom Boss about purchasing and storing the fertilizer.

Park Bridge Erosion: Jay and Gary Weiner are continuing to look into the erosion problem at the Park. Gary will be sending a crew out to take a better look at it. He feels that the bridge itself is in good shape. Gabion baskets were suggested and other options are being researched. Jay outlined the process and timeline of the project. Gary's crew should be out soon and then plans can be drawn up.

Budget Reviews: The revolving and line item accounts were reviewed. Rick will explain the softball revolving account to Andrea, the softball coordinator. The coordinators will bring their sport budgets to the next meeting for review.

Old Business:

Baseball fields – Bill Wilson has started bringing in clay and working on the fields.

New Business:

2009 Pavilion Rentals – The list of rentals for 2009 was reviewed.

New Business Continued:

Popcorn Machine Use – The Friends of the Library, Ann Garbecki, will be borrowing the popcorn machine on October 23 for their trivia night fundraiser to be held at TWB. Jay made the motion, Bob seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Basketball Evaluations – Basketball evaluations for boys and girls grades 3-8 will be held this week. The Board will hold a special meeting to approve rosters and coach selections. A second flyer may be sent out for kindergarten and grades 1 & 2.

Sprinkler System – The sprinkler system at the spray park will be winterized by The Irrigator.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:50pm. Marty seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Next meeting: October 27th at 7pm
November 10th at 7pm
November 24th at 7pm

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk