

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes November 10, 2009
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

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

Absent: Michael Cronin

Bills: Reviewed and signed.

Minutes: The meeting minutes from October 27th were read. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jay seconded.

All in favor 4-0.

Skating Rink Proposal – Rick contacted Noel about a temporary ice skating rink at TWB as discussed at the last meeting and hasn't heard back yet. This will be tabled until the next meeting. Rick is also waiting to hear if a replacement bleacher is wanted for the outdoor basketball court at TWB.

Basketball Budget – Rick prepared the basketball budget for the 2009-10 season and reviewed it with the Board. Jay has some kindergarten basketballs leftover from last year that can be used this year. Some suggestions for next year are that the pinneys and cones stay at the gyms for use by all of the teams instead of each coach keeping them with him. Also a small air pump for each coach would be helpful. Rick will check into pricing.

This year's boys 5/6 CYO Gold team is down to 5-6 players. A few parents requested that their sons play on a Rec team. There is no Rec team for this age group. Since it wasn't clearly stated that there are no Rec teams after grades 3 and 4, Rick suggested that no travel fees be collected for this team and that they play games only at TWB and Wilbraham Middle School. They will have about 8-9 games. Some 4th graders from Jay's team will fill in for this team when needed. The gold team will be scheduled to play after Jay's team so that the 4th graders can stay and play. There will not be any playoffs for this team.

Soccer Budget – Bob prepared a revised 2010 Spring Soccer budget with the new registration fee and worked out a rough estimate for fertilizing the soccer and baseball fields at TWB next season. He would like to fertilize the fields four times from early spring to late fall with organic fertilizer starting in April. Bob will figure the square footage of the Park fields and the spray park area.

Old Business:

Hampden-Wilbraham Times – Bob wrote a soccer update for this week's Hampden-Wilbraham Times article. Rick will submit it.

Movie Night – Rick, Bob and Marty will set up at 5:30 on November 21 for the movie.

Turkey Basketball Tournament – Not as many teams signed up as expected. The tournament will be held in Wilbraham. Rick will plan a gym ceremony for another time, possibly the weekend of December 19th & 20th.

Park Bridge – Bill Wilson will speak with Gary Weiner about his ideas to repair the erosion around the bridge.

RAH Building – Marty did some more cleaning and sorting in the RAH building and put more softball equipment in the shed for Andrea.

Softball Fence – The softball fence has been moved in. There may now be room for joint batting cages to be shared by softball and baseball.

Little Ones Sports Program – Jay looked into offering a program for the younger kids and has learned that the PTO is planning something like this. He will wait to see what they do.

New Business:

Garden Club Request – Connie Witt from the Garden Club has asked to use the projector for their banquet on November 12th. This request was granted by the Board.

Equipment Release Form – Rick will create an equipment release form to be filled out whenever any Parks & Rec equipment is borrowed.

Office Remodeling – The Parks & Rec office will be painted and the rug replaced.

Green Meadow Gym – The automated hoop raise and lower mechanism is not working properly. Jay is working on it.

TWB Bleacher – One of the new bleachers was pulled out the wrong way. Rick sent an email out letting the coaches know that the loops have to be facing in to move the bleachers. He would like the bleachers left in during the week and only pulled out for the weekend games. They are somewhat complicated to move in and out and this would help to prevent any damage.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:07pm. Jay seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Next meetings: November 24th at 7pm
December 8th at 7pm

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk

