

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes February 23, 2010
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Members Present: Bob White, Acting Chair, Martin McQuade, Jay Ray and Michael Cronin

Absent: Rick Kapinos

Bills: Reviewed and signed.

Minutes: The meeting minutes from February 2nd were read. Marty made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Mike seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Basketball Jamboree: The jamboree will be held on Friday, March 5th from 6-8pm for boys and girls in grades 1 & 2. Marty will distribute flyers. The snow date will be the following weekend. Tickets for the RAH St. Patrick's fundraiser will be available. Kindergarten basketball is now over and went well.

Basketball Playoffs: The rec playoffs for the boys and girls in grades 3 & 4 will be held at TWB on Saturday, March 6th from 9-6pm. Wilbraham will provide the referees and Hampden will provide the scorekeepers. Rick and Mike will speak to the principal about using the cafeteria to sell refreshments. Mike and Rick will supervise this and nothing will be allowed in the gym. If the weather is nice, this can be done in the parking lot.

Five Hampden CYO teams have been entered in the CYO playoffs. The regular season will finish this coming weekend.

Softball Field Usage: Wilbraham is trying to set up their field schedule for softball. They have used the Park field for the U14 age group in the past. Andrea will be invited in to the next meeting to discuss the softball program, field usage and the budget impact of the low turnout. Jay would like to see the field used more, maybe by the 1st/2nd grade baseball teams along with the softball teams. With the baseball field being used all day on Saturdays and the softball field being used, a concession stand could be opened and do a pretty good business.

Baseball: Jay met with Wilbraham about using the baseball field at the Park for the 7th/8th Tritown league teams. Wilbraham is short fields due to the renovations at Spec Pond and the upcoming renovations at the High School. Wilbraham has three teams and Hampden has two. Wilbraham will pay \$500 plus concession on the Eastern League fees to Hampden. Jay will speak to the Baseball Commission about scheduling games at the Park from 9-3pm every Saturday.

Jay sent out a letter to parents with information about the 2010 spring baseball season.

Old Business:

The baseball shed at the Park was built by Steve Carabetta. The scouts will paint it when Marty has the Earth Day Park cleanup on April 17th.

New Business:

Baseball Sponsorship – The President of the Polish National Credit Union approached Mike about sponsoring a baseball team this year.

New Business continued:

Basketball supplies – Mike would like to ask RAH about purchasing four chain nets, two for the Park and two for TWB. Mike will write up a proposal for RAH for a new wireless scoreboard and shock clock for TWB.

Lacrosse – Wilbraham is looking for a lacrosse field in Hampden. Last year they were offered the Green Meadow field but did not use it.

Marty made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm. Mike seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk