

**HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION**  
**Meeting Minutes March 9, 2010**  
**Town Hall**

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

**Members Present:** Rick Kapinos, Bob White, Jay Ray

**Absent:** Marty McQuade and Michael Cronin

**Bills:** Reviewed and signed.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes from February 23<sup>rd</sup> were read. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jay seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**Review Sport Fees:** table

**Softball Field Usage:** table

**CPR Requirement for Coaches:** The baseball, basketball and soccer leagues do not require CPR certifications for coaches per the sport coordinators. Jay made a motion to table the CPR/1<sup>st</sup> aid requirement for coaches for the 2010 season and review it in the future. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

**Concession Stand at Park:** Jay spoke with the baseball leagues and they will schedule games at Memorial Park on Saturdays. A concession stand will be started when the baseball games start. It will be staffed with two people. Jay would also like to have the scoreboard running for all games. He will figure out salaries and schedules.

**2010 Pavilion Rental Fees:** Bob made a motion to change the rental fee to \$75 on Saturdays and Sundays and to leave the fee at \$50 for Mondays through Fridays, to remove the number of people notation and to add "no exceptions including weather" to the refund policy. Jay seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

**Budget Review:** Rick attended the Advisory meeting and presented the Parks & Rec requested budget for FY11. He explained to the Advisory Board how figures were derived for the three line item accounts, explained the budgets for the sports and summer program and mentioned the future needs/plans for Parks & Rec.

**Baseball Updates:** The baseball numbers are down about 50 kids this year. Jay sent out an informational letter to parents. He did receive some emails from parents explaining that their son is going to play another sport this season. We currently have a bad number for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Jay may bring up some 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to make this work. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade group does not have a good number either. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade has a pretty good number right now. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders can play for NEYSA and Tri-Town as their schedules do not overlap much. The evaluations for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> will be postponed. Jay will email everyone.

**Summer Program Director Position:** Rick will send the director position description to Noel (TWB) and Deb Thompson (GM).

**Park Opening:** The Park will open for the season on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The restrooms will not be opened until the baseball and softball games start.

**Old Business:**

Bridge Erosion – Jay will follow up with Gary from Ecotec on this.

Girl Scout Sleepover – The Girl Scouts thanked the Parks & Rec Department for the use of the movie equipment and popcorn machine at their annual Town Hall sleepover.

Movie Night – The next movie, The Princess and the Frog, will be shown on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The DVD will be raffled off after the movie.

Basketball – The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade jamboree and the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade playoffs went well.

Lacrosse – Wilbraham Lacrosse can use the Green Meadow field if they need to.

**New Business:**

TWB Shed – Jay will speak to RAH about purchasing the shed for TWB. The current shed has holes in it and the doors are destroyed. Bob will check on pricing at the upcoming Home Show.

Spring Soccer – Quite a few Wilbraham kids are signing up for spring soccer. A waiting list has been started for the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls.

Fertilize fields/spray park – Bob will get pricing on fertilizers from Tom Boss for the next meeting.

Jay made a motion to adjourn at 8pm. Bob seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk

