

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION

Meeting Minutes March 23, 2010

Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7pm

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

Bills: Reviewed and signed.

Minutes: The meeting minutes from March 9th were read. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jay seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Review Sport Fees: Table, Mike is working on this.

Softball Field Usage: The softball field will be used for softball Monday through Friday and late afternoon on Sundays. It will be available for baseball all day on Saturdays and Sunday mornings and early afternoons. Andrea asked that the baseball coaches and players not make a mound on the softball field. The 7th & 8th grade Hampden-Wilbraham softball teams will play on this field. Andrea is still looking for girls ages 10 and up to play. Practices will start March 29th. Rob Baroni, the Minnechaug softball coach would like to hold a camp one day per week for approximately six weeks during July and August at the Park.

Jay explained the budget process to Andrea and recommended the sport budget spread sheet the coordinators use.

Baseball Update: Jay reviewed the 2010 spring baseball program including teams, coaching recommendations and a budget summary.

- T-ball – target start date 4/17, working on format and dates.
- Pinto (1st & 2nd) – 2 teams, will play each other for a kick off jamboree, opening weekend May 1st, home games at Green Meadow. Recommended coaches are John Gurski and Fred Frankie.
- Eastern (3rd & 4th) – one team, opening day May 1st, and pre season jamboree April 24th. Recommended coach is Joe Romito-Carey with assistants Eric Jacobson, Harry Fett, Derrick Biermann and Mark Sakurada.
- JLS (5th & 6th) – 2 teams, C division, opening day is May 1st, workout March 28th, draft format to form two equal teams. Recommended coaches are Marty McQuade and Tim Evans. Fourth graders will be invited to the workout to be evaluated. Four will be moved up to complete the 5th & 6th teams. The additional fee will be waived.
- Tri-Town Koufax (7th & 8th) – 2 teams, workout on April 3rd and draft format to form two equal teams. Recommended coaches are Rick Kapinos and Rick Willis.

Three Wilbraham 7th & 8th teams will be using the field at the Park as well. Wilbraham will be charged \$500 for field usage. The four coaches will meet on April 3rd to discuss field schedules and expectations.

Jay (RAH) has raised \$4400 in corporate sponsorships. The slats will be put into the Green Monster to finish it, the foul poles and scoreboard will be moved, the infield mix has been purchased for all ball fields and new equipment has been ordered to replace older items.

Ball field clean up day is March 28th. Bill Wilson will be working on the infields. Andrew Argenio will be the field worker this year.

Bob made a motion to accept the 2010 baseball pre-season summary including all coaching recommendations as presented. Marty seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.

Park Maintenance Position: Table, Debbie will check with Rick Kelly about continuing the position this season.

Park Gate Sign: Bob made a motion to have a sign made for the Park gate stating the hours that it is open to the public during the five weeks of the summer program. Marty seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.

Old Business:

Fertilizer – Bob received pricing for fertilizer. Mike will measure the areas and Bob will order it. The Park fields, spray park and the school fields will be done. Bob will speak to Tom Boss about recommendations for the spray park area.

TWB Scoreboard – Mike will check with Hampden Engineering (John) about recommendations and pricing for a new wireless scoreboard for TWB.

New Business:

Wilbraham Lacrosse – Jay shared an email he received from a Hampden parent who signed their child up for lacrosse in Wilbraham. They were charged \$25 extra because a Hampden field was not available. The Green Meadows field has been offered to Wilbraham for lacrosse for the last two years.

TWB Bleachers – The defective parts will be replaced by the company that installed the bleachers. The policy going forward will be that the custodians are the only people allowed to open or close the bleachers.

Summer Program 2010 Fees – Jay made a motion to adjust the pricing for the 2010 summer program as follows:

\$90/week, (\$75/week for each additional family member) if paid by July 1st.

\$100/week, (\$85/week for each additional family member) if paid after July 1st.

\$20 surcharge for out of town residents

After care will be eliminated

Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.

Fees are weekly, not daily and will not be prorated.

Facility Use Fees – Fees were reviewed and will remain the same for now.

TWB Outdoor Basketball Court – Jay will look into moving the 9' hoops at TWB to 10'. Some summer 5 on 5 games may be held there.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:58pm. Marty seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk

