

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION

Meeting Minutes June 22, 2010

Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Members Present: Bob White, Marty McQuade, Jay Ray and Mike Cronin

Absent: Rick Kapinos

Bills: Reviewed and signed.

Minutes: The meeting minutes from June 8th were read. Marty made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Mike seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Park Issues:

Dumpster – Trash amounts have increased at the Park. The dumpster has been filling up before the “every other week” pickups. Allied Waste is now on a weekly pickup schedule. Jay suggested calling Allied for pricing on 1. Cost of a larger dumpster with every other week pickups, 2. Cost of the every week pickups with the same dumpster, 3. Rate for an “as needed” pickup with a 3-4 day window and 4. A copy of our contract.

Well – A new well pump was installed by CT Valley Artesian Well on 6/22/10 in the upper well by the ball field. The new pump is a half horse power as they do not make the quarter horse power anymore. This is a small well, 4-7 gallons per minute. A line coming from the well heading towards the ball field was shut off because of a possible leak in the line. The blue tank in the pump room needs to be replaced soon. The new tank does not need to be as large as the existing tank per Ct Valley. New well covers are needed. The existing ones are a safety issue.

Jay would like to get a price on fixing the leak in the line to the ball field.

Spray Park – Second meeting in August, look into local companies to open and close the spray park. South Shore will be out again to check on the chemtrol sensors and the large basket that keeps losing the prime overnight.

Bridge – The railings are very loose and falling apart. The Board will meet at the Park on Saturday to assess the bridge and the erosion issues. The railing will be fixed temporarily before the summer program starts. Jay will get back in touch with Gary Weiner about the erosion.

Summer Program: Sara came in and gave an update. She held a staff meeting and discussed the policies and procedures with the staff. All paperwork was handed out. The staff will each be assigned a day off by the Director. Shirts will be distributed the first day of the program. Arts and craft supplies have been ordered. Sara had the staff fill out a survey of where and what they would like to do and what they worked the best at. Sara will email a weekly update to the office and will attend the two meetings scheduled during the five weeks of the summer program. The snack shack will continue to go through the general fund.

Old Business:

Baseball field – The Citgo sign is up, foul poles are in, slats are done on the green monster and the scoreboard has been moved in.

Fertilizer – Bob is checking into pricing for the next application.

Spring Baseball Season – T-ball is now done. First and second grade played their home games on the softball field and practiced at Green Meadows. Third and fourth grade made it to the finals and are now done. Fifth and sixth grade and seventh and eighth grade will play until July.

Summer Basketball – tabled. Not town sponsored, use outdoor courts for practices.

Fall Soccer – Jay will send out an email for more U9 girls. Jay will run the kindergarten program this fall.

Soccer Goals – Two bids were submitted to RAH for the goals. Jay will invite the RAH president in to a Parks & Rec meeting.

New Business:

No summer baseball this year.

TWB – A request was received to use the TWB gym for a birthday party. The school administration has requested that the gym be used for basketball only. The Parks & Rec Board will honor that request.

Youth Golf Program – The Hampden Police Youth Golf Program at HCC is no longer funded. Chief Farnsworth suggested the Parks & Rec Department might want to take over the program. Jay will contact Bill Tragakis at HCC for details.

Marty made a motion to adjourn at 9:20pm. Mike seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk