

# HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION

Meeting Minutes July 13, 2010

Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

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

**Absent:** Marty McQuade and Michael Cronin

**Bills:** Reviewed and signed.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes from June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> were read. Jay made a motion to approve the minutes from both meetings as read. Bob seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**Dave Turcotte/RAH** – The Board reviewed how the Parks & Rec budget works with Dave. They explained how the Revolving Account is used for each of the sports, some Park expenses and the Summer Program. Each coordinator strives to make each sport break even. The goal is to make the sports self-sufficient. The Board's big enface is the Park and the biggest need is capital improvements. If Parks & Rec needs funds, they can go to RAH and make a presentation. If RAH has ideas for the Park or the sports, they can come to Parks & Rec for review and approvals. Dave has received feedback from people about things that they would like to see at the Park. RAH's focus is on sports, the Park and activities of the Town. He will try to attend some more Parks & Rec meetings in the future. Dave will write up something to explain the mission of RAH for Rick to submit to the Times. Jay had a suggestion that RAH put together a written format for requesting funds. The new soccer goals are in. The fields will be fertilized and then the goals will be set up.

**Kara Rescia** – Kara's two children are attending the Summer Program, one for two weeks and one for three weeks. Her daughter will miss one day the week that her son does not attend. She asked if her son could fill in the day that her daughter would not be there. The Board agreed to this.

**Sue Rauscher/Mark Feeney** – Sue and Mark came in to discuss plaques and trees for the spray park. One plaque will go on the back of the "cool bench" in memory of Evan Feeney and the other, a general dedication will go either on the fence near the pavilion or on a pedestal along the walkway from the pavilion.

Ron Rauscher spoke with Jeff Merigian about planting shade trees in the spray park area. Jeff will mark his sprinkler pipes and suggest a good spot for the trees. Sue spoke with Dave Avery. He will suggest trees that will not shed much and will flower quickly.

Sue suggested renting the pavilion twice a day instead of once for the whole day. The problem is the maintenance. No one is around to take care of the cleanup in between rentals. Clean up and maintenance is done in the morning and evenings.

Sue would like to replace the flags on the tumble bucket feature. They are worn and ripped from the weather. There is room to add one more feature to the spray park. There are all sorts available with a wide price range. There are 4-5 different manufacturers. Sue worked with Bob at South Shore.

**Summer Softball** - The summer team forfeited the first three games and was thrown out of the league. The league is not refunding the fees. Uniforms were not ready on time, bases were not correct, organizational issues... Andrea was not at the meeting to discuss this. The Board is not advocating legal action or media.

Rick will invite Andrea to the next meeting to go over spring softball for 2011 and evaluations for the fall.

**Old Business:**

Bridge erosion – Jay is working with Bill Wilson on this.

Girls U9 Soccer – Jay sent out an email to attract more players. A lot are playing for Wilbraham. Bob moved the U9 girls up to play U10.

HCC Youth Golf Program – Jay spoke with Bill Tragakis. They have their golf pro running their own golf program this summer. Next summer they will work with Parks & Rec. Jay will start planning with them in the fall.

Tri-Town Baseball – Jay and CW discussed merging our players with Wilbraham for an A team. Two A teams will have to be formed per Joe Lavoie.

Jay will be sending out his yearly informational letter in August to inform everyone of their options. Andrew is done with field lining. Jay and Rick Willis will take care of it for the remainder of the season.

Spray Park Committee – Jay spoke to Teddy Bear Pools about maintaining the spray park. They were very interested. Jay will have them come down to the Park soon.

**New Business:**

Rick Kelly – Rick will be on vacation 8/9 – 13. Park maintenance needs to be covered for that week. Rick Kapinos and Marty will try to take care of the mornings. Huck may do the evenings.

Refund Request – A refund request was received for a child who is registered for the summer program. She tried to go the first day and is too young and not ready yet. She did not want to stay. The Board approved the refund of \$90.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 9:10pm. Jay seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk