

**HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION**  
**Meeting Minutes August 10, 2010**  
**Town Hall**

Meeting called to order at 8:03pm

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

**Absent:** Jay Ray

**Bills:** Reviewed and signed.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes from July 13<sup>th</sup> were read. Marty made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Bob seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**Summer Program 2010** – Sara, Summer Program Director attended the meeting and reviewed the program and budget figures with the Board. There was overall low enrollment this year with the last week being the largest. The program went well and received some positive feedback. Some interest for future ideas included longer program days, earlier start time, extra week, offer half days for young children, discounts, lower staff count, start a week later to move away from the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and send registration forms through the schools after April vacation to get people thinking about the summer earlier. Coaches can also pass out summer program flyers to draw interest from the younger children. A cyber policy will be implemented for the summer program and sports. Rick and Sara will research this. Sara submitted written evaluations on each staff member for use in next season's hiring. The Board will meet again with Sara before year end to discuss any ideas requiring additional funding and any other ideas in general.

**Soccer** – The budget prepared by Bob was reviewed. The fall season will start on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Roster information will be going out to the coaches of the girls and boys grades 1 & 2. Registrations are still being accepted for the instructional league which will start later in September. Bob fertilized the fields at the schools and the Park. The infield of the TWB ball field near the golf course is in very bad shape due to the lack of water.

**Summer Softball** – Andrea could not attend the meeting. An issue with a Southwick team was brought up. Andrea will be asked to attend the next meeting.

**Wilbraham Volleyball** – John DeVine asked to attend the meeting to discuss the volleyball program, but could not make it. Mike was familiar with the program and noted that they can only accept a certain amount of registrations and that it fills up quickly. It is open to grades 6-12 and meets Saturday mornings beginning on September 18<sup>th</sup> for six weeks at the Wilbraham Middle School gym. The fee is \$35 for Wilbraham residents and \$60 for non-residents. Bryan and CW from Wilbraham Park & Rec will be invited to our next meeting to talk about promoting their programs.

**Old Business:**

Budgets - The revolving and line item accounts were reviewed.

**New Business:**

Basketball – Mike will have the basketball registration information for the next meeting. We will need basketballs and two sets of uniforms. Mike will inventory the uniforms we have. Tryouts for the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be one day and two days for the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. There will not be any rec basketball for grades 3-8.

Pickup basketball – An email was received from Rich DeMattia inquiring about pick up fall basketball. Insurance and waivers would be involved. Rick responded.

Playground – the wooden floor of the fire truck on the playground needs to be replaced. Bob will look at it.

Park ball field water – the well line to the baseball field was shut off by the well company when the new pump was installed due to a possible leak and low pressure. Ed Poulin and a plumber he works with will look at it to see what would be involved in reestablishing it.

Marty made a motion to adjourn at 9:30pm. Mike seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk