

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION

Meeting Minutes September 14, 2010

Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Members Present: Rick Kapinos, Marty McQuade and Jay Ray. Bob White and Michael Cronin arrived a few minutes later.

Bills: Reviewed and signed.

Minutes: The meeting minutes from August 24th were read. *Jay made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Marty seconded. The vote was unanimous (Rick, Marty and Jay voting).*

Softball Requests from Coordinator – A list of initiatives was received from Andrea and reviewed by the Board:

1. Move scoreboard in (working with John Flynn) – ok per Board, would like to know how move will be done. Baseball scoreboard was moved in but wires were left intact and an extension was run to the new location.
2. Paint the scoreboard I beams – ok per Board.
3. Move in and paint the foul poles, thank you plaque to be put on pole for donations – ok per Board.
4. Order field material for next year, prep field. Sign sponsorship money/RAH will be used for this – ok per Board.
5. Cut brush back on the third base line – ok per Board.
6. Paint the visitors bench – ok per Board.
7. Add a mid rail to the fence along the first base side and backstop – ok per Board.
8. Paint the softball shed, paint donation – ok per Board.
9. Plant grass seed this fall, will let Board know when so that it is not fertilized – ok per Board.
10. Sprinkler system and bubbler – on hold for now per Board.

These items are approved with the understanding that there will be no cost to the Parks & Recreation Department. Rick will respond to Andrea.

Baseball – Jay put together a Hampden Baseball Coordinator's manual. One copy will be given to the new coordinator and the other will remain in the office. All baseball equipment is organized on shelves upstairs in the RAH building. Jay recommends Marty McQuade as the new coordinator and Derrick Biermann as his assistant.

Jay made a motion to have Marty McQuade take on the lead Baseball Coordinator position for the Town of Hampden and Derrick Biermann as the Assistant Coordinator. Bob seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Budget – The Board reviewed a projected vs. actual budget prepared by Jay for the 2010 spring season.

TWB Fields – Derrick has a plan to remove the infield (field in the corner by the golf course) and plant seed. He has volunteers to help with this. A snow fence will be placed around the area for 3-4 weeks until the seed takes. They would like to do the work this weekend.

Jay made a motion to remove the infield of the 5th/6th grade field at TWB and put down loam and seed and fence off for 3-4 weeks. The other field will be over seeded. Marty seconded. The vote was unanimous. Debbie will check with Noel on this first.

Spray Park Trees – An email was received from Sue Rauscher. She would like to plant three Kousa Dogwood trees in the spray park area and would like the Board to stake out the area where they will be planted in order to avoid the underground sprinklers. Jeff Merigian will be called to help with this.

Spray Park Maintenance – Jay spoke with Tom Lash from Teddy Bear Pools. He is willing to do the winterizations, repairs and maintenance on the spray park. He will work with us on the cost. He will watch this year's winterization to see how it is done.

Water Quality – Jay spoke with Bob Flag who suggested we find out what our DEP water classification is. This will be needed before he can do any testing. Costs for bacteria tests are \$35 and a couple of hundred dollars to write up the reports. Rick will check with Rick Green or John Flynn about the classification.

The baseball water faucet is operational again.

Capital Improvements – Jay and Rick walked the park with Bill Wilson. The trees in front of the smaller pavilion in the woods could be thinned out to bring the pavilion into view. The basketball court could be expanded. There are several possibilities for the park.

The bridge could be removed to repair the bank erosion. Conservation will be consulted.

Jeff Liquori from the Conservation Commission stopped in to discuss the park erosion with the Board. He suggested filling out an RDA Form 1 and submitting it to the Conservation Commission for review. Rick will complete the form.

Vinnie Villamaino stopped in to discuss the park erosion problem. This will be put on the warrant for the special town meeting in October.

Old Business:

Basketball – Signups are going on now for K-8th grade. There will be no rec league for the 3rd & 4th graders; they will play in the CYO League. Mike will send out an email after signups have ended to clear up the girls' 5th & 6th grade tryout schedule. There was an error in the schedule on the registration form.

New Business:

Pavilion Rentals – the 2010 pavilion rentals were reviewed. There were 38 paid rentals this season totaling \$2600.

Close Park – Winterization of the spray park will tentatively be on October 14th. The restrooms will be winterized at the end of October/beginning of November. Dumpster pickups will be stopped for the year at the end of October.

TWB Scoreboard – Mike will research pricing on a new wireless scoreboard for TWB for the next meeting.

Soccer field Use – The Pioneers soccer team, made up of 50% Hampden girls will use the field at TWB this weekend. *Jay made a motion to grant the Pioneers use of the TWB soccer field Columbus weekend. It will be left up to the Soccer Coordinators to negotiate the fee. Marty seconded. The vote was unanimous.*

Soccer Field Maintenance – Tom Boss offered his push machine to aerate the fields.

Park Maintenance Employees – The spray park will close for the season on September 19th. There is a rental next Sunday and one in October. Huck will stop in to the park once per weekend through October to take care of the trash and to take care of the two rentals. Rick will be done as of September 19th with the exception of working with South Shore on the winterization. The restrooms will remain locked after September 19th with the exception of the two rental days.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 9:12pm. Marty seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk

