

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes September 28, 2010
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Members Present: Bob White, Acting Chair, Marty McQuade, Jay Ray and Michael Cronin

Absent: Rick Kapinos

Bills: Reviewed and signed.

Minutes: The meeting minutes from September 14th and September 18th were read. *Jay made a motion to approve the minutes from both meetings as read. Marty seconded. The vote was unanimous.*

Girl Scout Request – A 12th grade girl is working towards her Gold Award for Girl Scouts. She would like to hold an overnight camp at the park to teach camping skills. There will be adult chaperones and children. She will be invited in to a meeting to discuss more details.

Memorial Park work – Jay had been talking to Bill Wilson about the erosion problem and reviewed some ideas with the rest of the Board. The culvert by the basketball court should be continued and covered, retaining walls put up in certain areas of the stream to prevent more erosion, thin the woods to bring the smaller pavilion into view, possibly a second basketball court in the future, remove or repair the wire mesh and lattice in the pavilion ceiling, repair the erosion on the back wall of the restroom building.

Jay spoke with Rick Green regarding the park water. Rick will research the classification and determine whether the wells have been tested to date.

Goat Rock Trails – Sherry Himmelstein attended the meeting. She had forwarded pictures of the sign to be put up at the park near the softball field to let hikers know where the trail starts. Since the trail begins behind the third base side dugout, the Board suggested a second sign that could be attached to the fence along the parking lot to direct hikers to the trail beginning. Sherry will look into this. Jay will check with Andrea on when she plans on clearing the brush in that area.

Old Business:

Baseball – Seven Hampden boys will be placed on the NEYSA teams. Registration will be through Hampden Parks & Recreation and will be \$110 per Jay. Marty will be looking into a charter system for Little League and maybe JLS for 5th & 6th grade. Marty will be sending out a letter to parents explaining that the kids will always have a place to play whether competitive or recreational.

New Business:

Private Baseball Teams – John Gurski is still working on getting a JLS U9 team together. He can use fields at the park per Marty. There will be no fee if the team is made up of all Hampden kids. John was told to contact the office to schedule a field.

Fall Soccer – A jamboree for U9 and U10 will be held October 23 & 24 and the PVJSL playoffs will be October 30 & 31.

Jay made a motion to adjourn at 8:08pm. Mike seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk