

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION  
Meeting Minutes October 12, 2010  
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

**Members Present:** Rick Kapinos, Chair, Bob White and Marty McQuade. Michael Cronin arrived later.

**Absent:** Jay Ray

**Bills:** Reviewed and signed.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes from September 28<sup>th</sup> were read. *Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Marty seconded. The vote was unanimous 3-0.*

**Kasi Miller/Girl Scout Award** – Kasi is working towards her Gold Award for Girl Scouts and would like to use Memorial Park in the spring for her project of holding a camp skills teaching program. This would involve chaperones and about 15-35 girls camping out at the Park for one night and learning different camping skills. The Board will check into the use of a raised fire pit and Kasi will come up with some dates for the Board and more definite numbers. There were no objections from the Board on this project. Kasi will check back in early spring.

**Memorial Park Project** – An engineering study has to be done on the Park erosion project for the Conservation Commission. A NOI has to be filed. Rick has been working with Gary Weiner on this. Rick also met with Doug Boyd (CPC) at the Park. The request for engineering study fees will be on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Possible CPC funding for the actual work will be discussed for the April Town Meeting. Rick will get a number from Gary for the October 18<sup>th</sup> Advisory Public Hearing.

**Open Meeting Law Summary** – Rick attended the Open Meeting Law seminar held by Dave Martel and reviewed the information with the rest of the Board. Executive Session, email and posting requirements and changes were discussed.

**Basketball** – Evaluations for grades 3-8 will be held next week. A special meeting will be posted for Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to discuss the evaluation results, recommend coaches and organize rosters. Registrations for kindergarten through grade 2 will be extended. The Springfield Armor will co-sponsor this program. They will provide t-shirts, a free ticket to every child, a coaches' clinic if we want, their mascot will attend our jamboree and a "Hampden Night" will be held on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone from Hampden can attend the game for \$5.

**Spray Park Closing** – Teddy Bear pools will do the winterizing of the spray park this year. Rick is waiting to hear back from them. They winterize the spray parks at Six Flags in Agawam. They suggested keeping a spare pump on hand so that it can be quickly hooked up if need be. The cost would be approximately \$300 for the pump.

**Clerk's Position** – The Clerk's position is available. Rick will work on a job description and look into posting the position. It is currently a grade 6 position, 16 hours/week Monday – Thursday afternoons.

**Old Business:**

Liability waivers – Table until Jay is present.

**New Business:**

Basketball – Mike is doing an inventory of uniforms and equipment.

RAH Building – Marty cleaned out the RAH building and replaced the bulbs.

Baseball – Marty will be starting a monthly newsletter. Field work will be done this weekend at the Park.

*Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm. Marty seconded. The vote was unanimous.*

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk