

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes December 21, 2010
Town Hall

Approved 01/11/2011

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Members Present: Rick Kapinos, Chair, Marty McQuade, Jay Ray and Michael Cronin. Bob White arrived at 7:12pm.

Bills: Reviewed and signed.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 23rd Regular meeting and the November 23rd Executive Session were reviewed.

Jay made a motion to accept both sets of minutes as written. Mike seconded. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

Old Business:

Park Erosion – Ecotec has started working at the Park. We should have some preliminary information after the first of the year. Warrant article information will be ready by the article submission deadline (1/17/11?) for the annual town meeting (4/25/11).

Lacrosse Update – Rich Joseph brought in photos of the proposed Green Meadow lacrosse field(s) layout. Two field options were proposed with a possible third field. The Board's concerns were the closeness of the field to the building - one window/doorway in particular and the closeness of the field to the playscape. Rich stated that he could come up with something to protect the window/doorway in question. Rich would like to hold practices two weekdays and a Saturday if possible. There will be no equipment out at the school except the nets which are moveable and can be chained to the shed when not in use. Rick Kapinos will speak to the principal about this and the Board will make a decision at their next meeting. The lining of the field(s) will be done by Hampden Parks & Recreation with a one time rental fee (TBD) to Wilbraham Park & Recreation.

New Business:

CYO Basketball Scheduling – Tom Callahan, the CYO Basketball Coordinator from South Hadley emailed the schedules and has asked for a \$5/team payment for the time and effort it takes to create the schedules for all of the participating towns.

Rick made a motion to send a payment of \$50 for Hampden's 2010-11 CYO Basketball scheduling to Tom Callahan. Mike seconded. The vote was unanimous 5-0.

Park Closing Date – The Park gate will remain open until the road is impassable due to snow. Cindi will notify the Police Department when the Park will be closed for the season.

Proposal/TWB Basketball – Marty presented a proposal to access the gym from the corner door that enters the school near the gym instead of the current door directly into the gym. This would allow for concessions (that would not be allowed into the gym) and rugs on the hallway floor which will allow less sand and salt into the gym. Access to other parts of the school would be prevented. This area would be monitored throughout the day by volunteers or paid help. After a brief discussion, the Board felt that this may be an idea for later in the year. This will be tabled for now.

Financials YTD – Cindi reviewed the Parks & Recreation accounts and General Ledger with the Board. Cindi will look into the expense account to see if there will be enough money to get through to the end of the fiscal year.

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Year in Review – Marty prepared a “Parks & Recreation 2010 Year in Review”. The Board reviewed the list and thanked Marty for his time and efforts in creating it.

Registration Forms – The Spring Soccer 2011 and Spring Baseball 2011 registration forms were reviewed.

Jay made a motion to approve the Spring Soccer 2011 registration form with corrections. Mike seconded. The vote was unanimous 5-0.

Jay made a motion to accept the spring baseball 2011 registration form with pending changes. Bob seconded. The vote was unanimous 5-0.

Recycling at the Park – Cindi mentioned a recycling option to the Board for the Park. She will look into this some more and also research dumpster pricing and service.

Intramural Basketball – The High School Intramural Basketball registrations for the Hampden residents went well with little confusion. The registration cost was kept down for Hampden residents when they signed up in Hampden, even though it is a Wilbraham run program. Positive feedback was received from parents.

Movie Nights – Agenda for the January meeting.

Meeting Cancellation – The December 28th meeting is cancelled.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm. Mike seconded. The vote was unanimous 5-0.

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk