

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION

Meeting Minutes June 5, 2012

Memorial Park

Approved June 26, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Members Present: Jay Ray, Chair, Marty McQuade, and Fred Frangie

Members Absent: Michael Cronin and Rich Joseph

Also Present: Zach Willis

Bills: Reviewed and signed.

Mail: Reviewed.

Minutes: The minutes from the May 22nd, 2012 meeting were reviewed.

Jay made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Marty seconded. Vote was unanimous 3-0.

Agenda Items:

CAT 2000: Marty reviewed the new chlorine dispensing system for the board.

Potential Park/Spray Park Projects: The board walked the entire park and spray park and made a list of projects to accomplish this season.

Spray Park Opening 2013: The board discussed opening the spray park earlier in the season on weekends only until school lets out for the summer.

Landscaping equipment: Fred reviewed the new equipment that was delivered today with the board and the maintenance employee. The board also discussed looking into purchasing a trailer, a de-thatcher, large leaf blower and personal safety equipment. The latter will be purchased immediately.

Memorial Park: Gary Weiner is working on the plan with an amendment to the soft armament on the banks by reducing the number of gabion baskets. He estimates that all paperwork for the Army Corps of Engineers permit should be completed by June 15, 2012. He will present the new plans at the board's next meeting for approval and signatures.

Spec Pond Basketball: The Wilbraham Park and Rec dept are moving their basketball courts at Spec Pond and are looking to use two courts in Hampden for their summer league, which will start on July 9th and run through August 10th.

Jay made a motion to allow the use of the TWB gym to supplement spec Pond basketball league summer program if their courts are not completed by the start of their summer league season. Wilbraham Park and Rec will assume all responsibility for the TWB gyms, they will provide a gym attendant who shall be iCORI checked who will assume all maintenance and related (trash) duties. Fred seconded. Vote was unanimous 3-0.

VSA Summer Soccer Field Usage: VSA is looking to use Hampden fields for summer soccer programs and a high school camp. VSA will again run the town's kindergarten soccer program in the fall in exchange for paint and field usage. They will line the fields for themselves and the 8th/9th grade girl's team.

New Business:

Fencing: Clerk will contact Mike's Fence to get estimates for another opening in Spray Park fence and an extension of fencing along third baseline outfield to create a bullpen area.

Jay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Fred seconded. Vote was unanimous, 3-0.

Next meeting scheduled for June 26th, 2012 @ 7:30 pm @ Hampden Town House 625 Main St Hampden, MA

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors, Clerk