

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION

Meeting Minutes November 27, 2012

Town House

Approved January 6, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:33 pm

Members Present: Jay Ray, Chair, Fred Frangie, Vice Chair, Michael Cronin, Marty McQuade and Rich Joseph

Members Absent:

Also Present: Connie Witt

Bills: Reviewed and signed.

Mail: Reviewed.

Minutes: The minutes from the October 25th, 2012 meeting were reviewed.

Fred made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Rich seconded. Vote was unanimous 5-0.

Agenda Items:

Connie Witt came in to discuss a proposal for an ice skating rink at Memorial Park. She presented a list of rink sizes and prices.

Fred questioned the availability of lighting and maintenance while Jay brought up concerns about risk assessment and liability and who would be responsible for monitoring the condition of the ice.

Connie suggested the project could be funded by CPA monies and also maintained through the same fund. The board asked if the CPA could also be used to fund lighting. Connie will follow up with whether or not CPA funds can be used for lighting and meet again with the Parks & Recreation board.

Softball: Jay and Marty will be meeting with Andrea Stolar to discuss 2013 softball.

Baseball: Bill Wilson worked on the baseball field and 'cut out' the small field at TWB. Jay suggested that in the future a backstop with an overhang should be installed.

Basketball: All schedules except Suburban girls available. All scorekeepers have been trained and notified of their schedules. Coaches were reviewed for the kindergarten, first and second grade programs.

Memorial Park: Jay Ray will be meeting with Tom Wilson to discuss the revisions made to the plan before meeting with the CPC.

Maintenance: Jay is working on a job description for the maintenance position for the upcoming season.

Fields: Field usage, maintenance and upkeep discussed as well as the scheduling and facility usage policy. Rich will be getting a quote for irrigation at TWB using an existing well.

Out of Town Sports Assessments: The board discussed the out of town fees assessed by other towns for Hampden residents.

Jay made a motion that Hampden Parks & Recreation will not subsidize assessments for sports programs the town of Hampden does not offer. Fred seconded. Vote was unanimous 5-0.

New Business: Michael Cronin discussed a Hampden volleyball program to be held April through June. The program will be coached by one of the TWB teachers, meet twice a week and be co-ed for grades 5 through 8.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for December 11th, 2012 @ 7:30 pm @ Hampden Town House 625 Main St Hampden, MA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors, Clerk