

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION

Meeting Minutes January 27, 2013

Town House

Approved February 24, 2013

Meeting called to order at 9:14 am

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: Chris Barden, Drew Gardener

Bills: Reviewed and signed.

Mail: -none-

Minutes: The minutes from the January 6th, 2013 meeting were reviewed.

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

Agenda Items:

Disc Golf: Chris Barden and Drew Gardener of Adventure Recreation Development attended the meeting and presented the board members with a proposal for Disc Golf in Hampden. The board was showed the different types of discs used and a catalog of supplies.

Jay Ray questioned the space needs of a course and Chris Barden explained they could utilize 5 acres or 100 acres a pop up or pocket course depending upon the space available. He also discussed the costs of the different courses and available funding opportunities.

The board discussed the following actions:

- Jay will speak to Deb Thompson about the possibility of a 3 hole intro course at Green Meadows.
- Michael Cronin will speak to Eric Panasci about a temporary pocket system to add to the gym curriculum.
- Marty McQuade will review available space at Memorial Park.
- Clerk will provide contact info for the HLP for Chris Barden to follow up with.

The board will reconvene the discussion of this potential project in early spring.

Out of Town Sports Assessments: There has been no response to the letter that Jay Ray sent to the Wilbraham P&R.

Memorial Park: Jay forwarded the two most recent bids to Doug Boyd of the CPC. Fred questioned the expiration of the bids. Fred will contact Excavation Plus and Michael will contact Marty Wright to confirm.

Baseball: Clerk will email parents with form and clarify that teams will be limited to the first 14 registrants.

Fields: The board has been notified by Wilbraham P&R that they will not need the TWB field for the 2013 LAX season.

VSA is hoping to run a tournament in March at TWB. He will be invited to the next P&R meeting

Summer Program: The board reviewed and approved the job description for the summer program director. This will be posted on the Town of Hampden bulletin board for potential applicants to respond to.

Baseball: Derrick Biermann went to the Tri-town meeting. The town can play both a 'B' and a 'C' team without an 'A' team this upcoming season but will have to have an 'A' team next year.

Rich Joseph excused himself from the meeting at 10:47am.

New Business: Fred brought up parents complaints of being charged at other CYO locations for admission into games and why Hampden doesn't charge. CYO is supposed to be a 'donation' only, not an admission charge. Hampden doesn't collect this since we are not associated with St Mary's church, also there would be a bottleneck at the door which could result in an issue with the fire department.

Budget Process: The commission reviewed maintenance, potential renovations, and safety issues at the park, as well as potential capital expenses.

Equipment: The board is entertaining bids for a trailer to move grounds keeping equipment.

Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:54am. Michael seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for February 24th, 2012 @ 9am @ Hampden Town House 625 Main St Hampden, MA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors, Clerk