

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION

Meeting Minutes June 11, 2013

Town House

Approved June 25, 2013

Meeting called to order at 8:10 pm

Members Present: Fred Frangie, Chair, Marty McQuade, Terry Ford and Dave Paradis

Members Absent: Michael Cronin

Also Present: Wilbraham P&R board members Stan Soja & Mark Jones, Wilbraham P&R director Bryan Litz

Bills: Reviewed and signed.

Mail: Reviewed

Minutes: The minutes from the May 28, 2013 meeting were reviewed.

Fred made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Terry seconded. Vote was unanimous 4-0.

The minutes from the June 3, 2013 meeting were reviewed.

Marty made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Terry seconded. Vote was unanimous 4-0.

Agenda Items:

Wilbraham Sports Assessments: Bryan Litz and two members of the Wilbraham Park & Recreation board attended the meeting to discuss a system for charging Hampden residents playing sports in Wilbraham that would be “fair” to Wilbraham residents. They feel that the current \$25 additional fee is applied inconsistently and they would like to move towards a “more concrete” definition. In review of the participation 10% of the registrants are Hampden children. Based on this, Wilbraham is looking to capture 10% of the director and assistant director’s salaries. They feel that this would cover the increased workload of handling the Hampden registrations. Two options were presented, either direct funding from Hampden Parks & Recreation to the Wilbraham Park & Recreation to cover the extra expense, in the approximate amount of \$10,000, or an additional \$50 per registration they would charge to each Hampden registrant for each sport. Stan Soja stated that these monies would be for programming not facilities. Fred Frangie asked if this increased registration fee had been implemented yet. Bryan Litz explained that it has not been voted in by Wilbraham P&R yet. Marty McQuade stated that if parents opt to take their kids to play out of town they have to pay wherever they register – that Hampden Parks & Rec doesn’t subsidize those registrations. Fred added that this is a reality that we have to pass on to the consumer. Mark Jones commented that they didn’t want Hampden to be “blindsided.” Conversation ensued in regards to what the additional \$50 would be used for and if Wilbraham will ‘make money/profit’ off of the proposed increase. Bryan stated the money goes back in to fields and Spec Pond and that their Parks budget supplements their recreation program. When asked about school choice registrations for participants who attend Wilbraham school Bryan offered that those children pay the same as out of town residents. When asked about the difference that some Hampden residents have recently paid when registering for field hockey he stated that their ActiveNet software has glitches.

Hampden Parks Commissioners thanked Bryan, Stan and Mark for attending the meeting.

Development of Request & Complaint protocol: A form was presented for approval. Form was amended and approved and will be posted on the HampdenRec.com website.

Baseball EOS: The meeting will be held on July 30th in the Melville Room. There is a form that parents can submit if they are unable to attend.

TWB Basketball Poles: Marty met with Bill Wilson who will build a template to install the poles with.

Basketball Registration Form: Form was discussed via phone with Michael Cronin

Pavilion Rentals: Two rental applications were presented for the commission's review. Both were from out of town residents. The board confirmed their previous ruling of renting the pavilion to Hampden residents only.

Summer Program Update: Staff orientation went well. Registrations are being received.

Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. Marty seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for June 25, 2013 @ 7:30pm @ Hampden Town House 625 Main St
Hampden, MA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors,
Administrative Assistant