

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION

Meeting Minutes August 13, 2013

Town House

Approved September 10, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm

Members Present: Fred Frangie, Chair, Michael Cronin, Vice-Chair, Marty McQuade and Dave Paradis

Members Absent: Terry Ford

Also Present: Ginny Blake, Hampden resident, Mike Mahoney, Musco lighting representative

Bills: Reviewed and signed.

Mail: Reviewed

Minutes: The minutes from the July 19, 2013 meeting were reviewed.

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

Agenda Items:

Memorial Park Access: Ginny Blake came to the meeting to talk about why Memorial Park is closed to the public during the Summer program. She is willing to come up with a team of people to try and find a solution to keep the spray park open and accessible to the public all summer instead of having it closed during the Memorial Park Summer program. Michael Cronin suggested she meet with the Board of Selectmen and Police Department and if she would notify Parks & Recreation when she planned to meet with those departments so that one of the Parks Commissioners could be present.

Memorial Park Ball Field Lighting: Mike Mahoney came in to present a proposal for lighting both the softball and baseball fields at Memorial Park. He reviewed the number of poles, fixtures, and foot candles that are required for infield and outfield lighting. He showed the commissioners the lighting plan and reviewed both the cost and financing options that were available.

Memorial Park Project: The commission has received and reviewed three proposals for the restoration project. *Fred made a motion to award the project to Excavation Plus. Dave seconded. All in favor 4 to 0.*

Soccer: Terry Ford will be the soccer coordinator liaison. Michael reviewed program. Ciro will be invited to next meeting to explain the field set up, proposal for upkeep and his commitment to the kindergarten program.

Wilbraham Parks & Recreation letter: Any questions that are received in response to Wilbraham Parks & Rec fees are to be directed back to their office.

Softball: No updates have been received from the Stolar family.

Baseball: Western Mass Diamond Jaxx are forming divisions in Elite baseball league, 10U, 11U, and 12U. The Western Mass Rebels will have teams for ages 9 through 15.

Fall Soccer: Currently have 6 boys and 2 girls registered. Clerk to contact John Arnold for dates of program.

CPC: The commissioners discussed a list of projects that they would like to accomplish at Memorial Park using CPA funding. Form to be filled out and appointment made to meet with CPC.

Basketball Hoops: The new outdoor hoops need to be put up at TWB.

Michael made a motion to allocate up to \$2000 to have hoops installed. Fred seconded. All in favor 4 to 0.

Basketball Form: Michael presented the 2013-2014 basketball form for approval. Commissioners reviewed and approved form.

Basketball Clinic: Michael reviewed the tentative clinic schedule.

Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40pm. Marty seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Next meeting not scheduled.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors,
Administrative Assistant