

# HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION

Meeting Minutes August 19, 2014

Town House

Approved August 28, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:38pm

**Members Present:** Fred Frangie, Chair, Marty McQuade, Vice-Chair, Dave Paradis, Terry Ford and Dave Turcotte

**Members Absent:** -none-

**Also Present:** Derrick Biermann, Dorothy Simonds, Stu Fuller, Judy Ingerson, Michael Cronin, Ciro Viviano and Bill Wilson

**Bills:** reviewed and signed

**Mail:** reviewed

**Correspondence:** signed

**Minutes:** The minutes from the July 15th, 2014 meeting were reviewed.

*Terry made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Fred seconded. All in favor, 5 to 0.*

## **Agenda Items:**

**Stu Fuller, Dorothy Simonds, and Judy Ingerson:** Attended the meeting and expressed their concern for the safety of children playing on the side fields at Thornton W Burgess Middle School which abuts the golf course of the Hampden Country Club. Stu presented plans of the original buffer zone, the current buffer zone, and field of play from the four tee boxes on the green and explained that some of those tee boxes are now in the 100' buffer zone. He presented diagrams depicting the locations of tee boxes and the cone of safety for golf balls teed off from those boxes based on the reference book "Forensic Architect's Investigation of Golf Course Safety" by Michael S Johnston.

Fred asked what would address the safety issue at TWB – Stu replied that perhaps a fence could be erected to protect the kids. The commissioners thanked the residents for their time and will follow up by drafting a letter to the School Committee, the Hampden Board of Selectmen, and the Hampden Country Club.

**Basketball:** Michael Cronin attended the meeting to discuss the Suburban tryouts and answer any questions with regards to the new Falcon Basketball program.

**Soccer:** Ciro Viviano attended the meeting to discuss field rental for FY15. The commissioners and Ciro agreed that payments will be due on August 31, 2014 for the fall season, and on February 28, 2015 for the spring season. Ciro will continue to purchase paint and line fields. All of the VSA players will sign liability waivers every season, and all coaches will submit to an iCORI check.

**RAH Movie Night:** *Fred made a motion to offer one sport registration for RAH to raffle off at their movie night. Marty seconded the motion, all in favor, 5 to 0.*

*Dave made a motion to supply popcorn to RAH so that they may sell it at movie night. Marty seconded, all in favor, 5 to 0.*

**Summer Program:** Admin reviewed number of unique residents, number of registered sessions, and overall budget. Marty read an email from program director Joey Varney, Admin volunteered to become Summer Program liaison and Commissioners approved. Fred asked that Joey be invited to attend next meeting.

**Team Gear:** Dave T will have more information at the next meeting.

**Haluch's Landscapes:** Will be putting in a sign in exchange for treatment of spray park lawn areas.

**Wilbraham Hampden Times:** Marty suggested that Michael Cronin write an article covering the upcoming changes to the basketball program.

**Soccer Program:** Terry Ford, soccer liaison has been unsuccessful in his attempts to contact East Longmeadow soccer liaison. Admin will follow up. Policies, Procedures and Commitment statements are still needed.

**Pavilion /Playscape:** Fred and Dave T will be meeting with ConCom on Wednesday, August 20, 2014, with RFD for playscape.

**Baseball:** Marty explained that fall baseball is starting and emails have been sent out. Marty, Derrick and Dave T have met with Wilbraham in regards to combining baseball to offer players a more competitive level of play. Registration fees have not been discussed yet.

**Bill Wilson:** Bill came in to discuss the pavilion. He suggests staying away from the basketball court on the water's edge for the following reasons:

- 1 Need to run power to that location
- 2 Potential to destroy the black top by drilling into it to install sono tubes and piers
- 3 The wetlands barrier is insufficient
- 4 Unknown composition of the stream bank

Bill believes it will be better to locate the new pavilion over in the grassy area farther away from the stream, behind the spray park. He also feels that we need a diagram and description with footing details to solicit more accurate bids.

**Policies, Procedures and Commitments:** These are still needed to Soccer and Basketball. Admin will send current PPC to Soccer liaison and is working on same for basketball with coordinator. Baseball will need to be updated to reflect potential change in program. Dave T requested and was provided with a copy of PPC for Summer Program.

### **New Business:**

Request for a waiver for a third grade soccer player received and approved.

*Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00pm, Dave Paradis seconded. All in favor 5-0.*

Next meeting September 9th @ 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindi Connors,  
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