

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Special Meeting Minutes August 28, 2014
Town House

Approved September 9, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm

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

Members Absent: Fred Frangie, Chair

Also Present: Lisa Morace

Bills: reviewed and signed

Minutes: The minutes from the August 19th, 2014 meeting were reviewed.

Dave P made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Dave T seconded. All in favor, 4 to 0.

Agenda Items:

Soccer Program: Marty stated that he spoke with Lisa 'last night' in regards to this meeting. He told her that it was late in the soccer season and not uncommon for the board to meet with parents/coaches/volunteers. Lisa remarked that she had spoken with someone from the board in regards to a note she supposedly left. Lisa stated that 'she did not write a note' Admin presented Lisa with original note on file. Lisa stated she did not remember writing the note.

Marty stated that Stacy requested that Lisa not coach again after withholding trophy and that they were here to discuss coaching for soccer. Terry remarked that only one other person volunteered as an assistant coach and no other coaches had volunteered. His daughter was coached by Lisa the following year and that she played with no concerns. He feels that girls progressed and since no one else has expressed an interest in coaching and that she did acknowledge her mistake in not giving trophy with tensions running high.

Marty commented that in terms of recommendations and that Lisa acknowledged her error. Marty also stated that it wasn't the right thing to do and that 'we are up against kids not playing soccer.'

Lisa remarked that other parents were 'horrified' at scene. She stated that 'she wasn't going to not give the girl a trophy.' Dave Paradis has no problem with Lisa coaching again but did comment that she 'be mindful in dealing with parents and that the kids should not be punished.' Marty mentioned that 'emotions get the best of you and hindsight is 20/20 and that it probably won't be the last thing to happen. Lisa remarked that it will probably be the last time she coaches.

Dave T commented to Lisa that she never got a chance to speak and asked if she wanted to speak now. Lisa declined.

The Commissioners motioned to go into executive session at 7:46pm and asked Lisa if she wanted to stay at the meeting. She told the board she would step out in to the hallway.

The Commissioners motioned to go back in to public session at 7:49pm and asked Lisa to come back into the meeting.

Marty stated that after much discussion they decided that it would be okay for Lisa to coach the girls' 1-2 soccer team.

Admin will send roster and provided Lisa with information and dates for coaches meeting and jamboree.

Lisa will try and come in Monday to pick up balls and cones

TWB: Dave T has seen people playing on the golf course. The Commissioners discussed the placement and relocation of the small soccer goals and will be placing them behind the basketball court.

Pavilion /Playscape: *Dave P motioned to table this item until the next meeting. Terry seconded. All in favor 4-0.*

Dave P made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm, Marty seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Next meeting September 9th @ 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindi Connors,
Administrative Assistant