

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes October 14, 2014
Town House

Approved October 28, 2014

Marty called the meeting called to order at 7:29pm

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

Members Absent: -none-

Also Present: Michael Cronin, Hampden Basketball Coordinator and Eric Jacobson

Bills: reviewed and signed

Mail: -none-

Minutes: The minutes from the September 23, 2014 meeting were reviewed.

Marty made a motion to approve the special minutes as amended. Terry seconded. All in favor, 4 to 0.

Agenda Items:

Michael Cronin: Michael came in to update the commission on the Suburban evaluations. He shared with the commissioners the names of the three coaches who were chosen for the girls 7th/8th grade teams, and the divisions that he hoped each team would be playing in. Michael went on to explain that Suburban games could be at TWB on Sundays with the gym attendant at the door and two scorers. He told the commissioners that he had given each of the Suburban teams had been given two basketballs. He addressed the uniforms cost by explaining that they would be paid for by the money from the Turkey Tournament. The uniforms will be green with a falcon on them and will be kept in Wilbraham. Hampden kids will have to pay a \$50 uniform deposit. He also mentioned that each player would be getting a shooting shirt.

Dave T questioned helping at the tournament and Marty told him that an email will be sent out. Michael Cronin told him that parents are expected to work at least 1 to 2 hours.

Michael feels that 'our kids were treated fairly' and that it was 'good to have Minnechaug coaching staff do the evaluations.' CYO numbers were reviewed. Registration ends on Thursday morning if teams are full. There will be one try out Monday for the 3rd/4th girls from 5-6:30 at TWB. Potential coaches were reviewed. Dave P questioned having a separate 7th and 8th grade team. Michael recommends two even 7th/8th grade teams.

Michael reviewed available equipment and also informed the commissioners that boys 5th/6th grade CYO now use size 28.5 basketballs instead of adult basketballs.

Dave T asked Michael if there was anything he needed from the commissioners.

Soccer Complaints: A complaint was made to EL Parks department & Hampden Parks & Rec department from the head of the ELYSL ump program and a second complaint was made by a parent to the EL Parks department. Terry has spoken with parties involved as well as EL Parks director. Any bad behavior will be issued a red card. Terry also informed the commissioners that the Kindergarten program is going well.

New pump for Spray Park: Tabled until spring. Admin to follow up to see if South Shore thinks extra electrical work will be needed.

Restrooms: OK to close

Pavilion: Dave T asked if there were any questions in regards to an email he had sent to the commissioners. He stated that he still did not have a signed contract from the builder and was waiting on architectural plans. Excavation contractor will start once he receives signed plans from building inspector.

Playscape: Dave T met with representative from Trassig. He reviewed the costs given to him; \$19,600 for the playscape, \$6400 to install, \$24,000 for synthetic turf, and \$8000 to install the synthetic turf for a total of \$58,000. This does not include the excavation necessary. To add an asphalt path from the upper driveway/RAH building to the playscape will cost approximately \$3500, bringing the total to \$61,500. An option to the synthetic turf would be engineered mulch which would cost around \$8000. Dave T is still researching this option. He has asked Columbia Cascade for pricing to build landings and foundations to keep the glider, rings and overhead ladder. He has not heard back from the environmental engineer – Admin to contact. The ConCom wants a plan for drainage.

Information Request: Received from Stacey Black. She would like a copy of all meeting minutes from June 26, 2014 to October 6, 2014 and any letters. The office had previously provided Mrs Black with all information

on file. Admin to contact and inform her that meeting minutes are available free to the public on line and that if she wants another copy of the information that was previously provided it will be charged as described in the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

Equipment: Inventory to be done for RAH building keys

Middle School Task Force: Middle School numbers are declining. HWRDS is putting together a committee to look at options for middle school. Marty stated that ‘we need to be cognizant of numbers as we go forward. We need to be more creative and reach out to other communities – options are out there.’

New Business:

Dave T asked to review meeting minutes from a previous meeting, (September 9, 2014), discussion ensued as to acceptance. Commissioners stood by previous decision of acceptance.

Marty opened a discussion about team parties, end of season parties, trophies, etc. These will not be funded by Parks & Recreation.

Dave T brought up the new model of liaisons and coordinators. He feels that the sports coordinator can recommend an end date to the commissioners for sports registrations.

Commissioner Vacancy: BOS and Parks Admins received a phone call and invited interested party to tonight’s meeting. This person did not attend the meeting. Eric Jacobson was invited to attend the meeting and did so as an interested party. The commissioners made a recommendation for him to be appointed. Admin will send notification letter to BOS. Available commissioners and Eric will attend the next BOS meeting.

Dave P made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm, Terry seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Next meeting October 28th @ 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindi Connors,
Administrative Assistant