

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes February 24, 2015
Town House

Approved March 10, 2015

Terry Ford called the meeting called to order at 7:34pm

Members Present: Dave Paradis, Terry Ford, Eric Jacobson and Dave Turcotte (7:36)

Members Absent: -none-

Also Present: Derrick Biermann, Dan Slattery and Dan Sheehan (7:52)

Bills: reviewed and signed

Mail: -none-

Minutes: The minutes from the February 3rd, 2015 meeting were reviewed.

Dave P made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Terry seconded 4-0 in favor.

Agenda Items:

General Discussion:

Terry asked the number of applications that were received for the maintenance position (1)

Dave T stated that the 8th grade graduation committee had rescheduled their meeting from 02/26/15 to 03/02/15

After reviewing minutes Eric had questions about confirmation from Summer Program director and gym time

Baseball:

Derrick Biermann came in to speak to the commissioners with regard to baseball. Fifth/six grade has historically been in the JLS league. Derrick approached Tri-Town league and asked if we could enter a 'C' division team and was told no. He then approached South Hadley to try the Suburban league for the 5/6 teams. Derrick came before the commissioners for approval to make this change.

Dave P made a motion to approve Derrick's request. Eric seconded. All in favor 4 to 0

Derrick has also tried to contact Steve Labelle from the Diamond Jaxx organization about monies owed to Hampden Parks & Recreation for field usage from last year He has received no response to his inquiries except for an email about an upcoming meeting that he received 30 minutes after the meeting had ended.

Conversation ensued regarding field usage. Admin will send out bills to those organizations owing money with request for payment.

Dan Sheehan: Dan came in to speak with the commissioners about the open seat on the Parks & Recreation Commission. Eric asked Dan why he was interested in being appointed knowing that the appointment was only for two months. Dan replied that it would be a "chance to dip his toes in the water and see what it is about." Dave T asked if there was anything Dan wanted to see done differently. Dan responded "particularly basketball should go in a different direction." Dave T reminded him that he could have the same conversation as a citizen. Admin asked is the MSP (Massachusetts State Police) will allow him to hold an elected or appointed position only. Dan replied that MSP will not allow him to run/hold an elected position and that he would only be allowed to hold an appointed position. He went on to say that he has been on the sidewalk committee for ten year which is an appointed committee.

There were no other questions for Dan. He was thanked for his interest and his time.

The commissioners took a vote on whether or not to recommend Dan to the BOS for appointment to fill the vacant seat. Majority vote was favorable. Admin to follow up with BOS Admin in the morning

Dave P asked Dan Slattery if there was a specific reason that he had come in to the meeting and if there was anything that the Commissioners could do for him and Mr Slattery replied he was just at the meeting to listen.

Adult Programming: No response to inquiries made by Dave T and Admin to townspeople. Admin will contact Federated Church to see if Todd Farnsworth might be interested in holding mediation program through Parks & Recreation. Admin will also follow up with Library director in regards to the yoga program and instructor they used.

Bylaws and Constitution: Tabled

General Fund:

Balance in fund at lowest point in years. Admin to email Ciro to see if he has interest in renting soccer fields again this year.

New Business: Discussion around updating announcement board. This will be part of maintenance position moving forward.

RAH: Dave T presented road race flyer for approval.
Dave P motioned to approve flyer for posting. Eric seconded. All in favor 4 to 0.

Interview: Admin to contact applicant to reschedule interview for next meeting.

Dave P made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02pm, Dave T seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Next meeting March 10, 2015 @ 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindi Connors,
Administrative Assistant