

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

Approved April 13, 2015

Dave P called the meeting called to order at 7:31pm

Members Present: Terry Ford, Dave Paradis, Eric Jacobson and Dave Turcotte

Members Absent:

Also Present: Heather Jolicoeur, Sue Kent, Derrick Biermann, Michael Cronin and Dan Sheehan

Bills: -none-

Mail: reviewed

Minutes: The minutes from the March 10th, 2015 meeting were reviewed.

Dave T made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Terry seconded 3-0 in favor.

Agenda Items:

Basketball General Discussion:

Michael Cronin and Heather Jolicoeur came in to review the basketball season and merger with Wilbraham at the Suburban level. Michael felt that Hampden was represented well in the try-outs as well as the formation of teams. He explained that the MRHS freshmen, JV and varsity coaches evaluated and chose 'A' team players and that the 'B' team players were basically drafted by each coach. He strongly suggests try-outs for 3rd/4th grade players next year. Eric Jacobson questioned the inconsistent philosophy of the 3/4 teams versus the 7/8 teams this year and the costs of CYO versus Suburban. Michael reviewed current K-1-2 program start dates, supplies and holidays. He suggested that the Commissioners order a set of flip numbers and a new clock. The Commissioners thanked Michael for his years of service.

Adult Programming: Sue Kent attended the meeting to discuss the programs that she teaches. She has her 200 hour certification and is affiliated with w local yoga studio.

Dave T asked what participants would need and Sue said that everyone would need to bring their own mat. She said classes are one hour and the program usually runs for six weeks.

Dave P asked what other classes she taught, (strength training with body weight resistance) and her availability, (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.)

The Commissioners agreed to start a six week program as of April 28th. This program will be held at GM from 6-7pm and will cost \$60 per participant.

Admin to follow up with Lyn Hollinger from SVRHT for Zumba instructor information

Baseball General Discussion:

Derrick Biermann came in to speak to the commissioners and review baseball registration numbers and options for adding Wilbraham players to fill teams. T-Ball will start at 9am following soccer at 8am.

The Western Mass Diamond Backs are looking to have a tournament on June 6th & 7th with eight teams participating. Commissioners discussed a fee to charge per day.

Terry made a motion to offer the Memorial Park 90' diamond to the Diamond Backs at a rate of \$450 per day for their tournament. Dave T seconded.

Derrick will contact the Diamond backs and inform them of the decision and cost.

Lions Club Request: The Lions club is requesting to use Memorial Park for their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5th, 2015. Request approved by the Commissioners

ConCom: An NOI is no longer needed, only an RFD. Dave T will be speaking with Gary Weiner in regards to having a plot plan drawn up to present to ConCom. There may be a \$500 cost associated with this.

Dave P made a motion to appropriate the possible \$500 expenditure. Eric seconded, all in favor 4-0.

Summer Program: Admin met with Director prior to meeting. Planning is underway, staffing has been reviewed, and one week's theme has been changed. Order being assembled to be placed for needed supplies and shirts.

Maintenance Position: *Dave P made a motion to hire Marty McQuade for the Maintenance worker position that was advertised at the rate of pay that was discussed at the meeting. Terry seconded. All in favor, 4-0*
Admin to contact Marty for necessary new hire paperwork

Facility Usage Requests:

Request received from Paul McNaughton to use the TWB gym for indoor conditioning for his boy's soccer team consisting of Hampden and Wilbraham players. Request approved

Request received from Dan Sheehan to use the TWB for girls 7-8 basketball practice one time only on Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 4-5:30. Request approved

Request received from Jim Acciardo to use the TWB gym for throwing and agility drills for his girl's softball team consisting of less than 50% Hampden players. Request approved

Request received from VSA to use the TWB Monday through Friday from 5:30pm until dark and on weekends for games. Conditions needing to be met, CORI for all coaches and assistant coaches, no leather balls, no games, no weekend time, and any time granted must be prepaid. This usage would only be granted for two weeks. Request not approved.

Basketball Tournament: Commissioners discussed an email sent to them requesting gym usage for a basketball tournament.

Coordinator/Liaison Roles: Dave T would like clarification on when Coordinators can and cannot make decisions. It was determined that the Liaison will make no decisions and that the Coordinators will bring complaints and concerns, etc to the Liaison who will then bring that information to the Commissioners. The Coordinator will have the responsibility of attending league meetings relevant to their sport. Eric would like the needs of the sport to be laid out before expenditures are made and Dave T would like a detailed list and projected cost as well as a checklist for items needed for every sport.

New Business:

Terry would like Heather to look into making the Spec Pond teams into Town of Hampden teams with a cut off of 12 kids.

Dave P made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:28pm, Eric seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Next meeting April 14, 2015 @ 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindi Connors,
Administrative Assistant