

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION  
Meeting Minutes August 10th, 2015  
Town House

Approved August 25, 2015

Terry called the meeting called to order at 7:33pm

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

**Members Absent:** Dave Paradis

**Also Present:** Joey Varney, Summer Program Director, Scott Slattery & John McQuaid

**Bills:** reviewed & signed

**Mail:** reviewed

**Minutes:** The minutes from the July 14th, 2015 meeting were reviewed.

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

**Agenda Items:**

**Summer Program:**

Review of 2015 program, 263 sessions registered for by 127 children. Joey reviewed this year's program and stated that there is the possibility of open positions next year that he will have to advertise and hire staff and volunteers for.

Discussion ensued regarding children being picked up late. Parents will be notified of a charge that will be in place next year if they fail to pick their children up on time. This charge will be due before the children will be allowed to return to the program.

**Baseball:** Scott Slattery came in with John McQuaid to discuss fall ball and field usage. John is looking to use Veterans field for their U10 team for practice and home games, and Scott is looking for use of Niccum for his team

**Mower:**

Was serviced and is ready for use.

**Sign Request:** A local business that has been a sign sponsor for many years may be closing and has asked if they could have their sign as a memento. Commissioners agreed to release sign

**VSA:**

Ciro has inquired about fall field rental and will be sending in a check for the agreed upon amount

**Camp grills:** Admin gave two different sets of grill specs to the building inspector for review

**Fall Soccer:** Numbers reviewed. Admin to contact Times and local churches to see if announcement can be made in either for registration dates

**Facility Usage Request:** Commissioners reviewed neighboring community rates and approved amended form

**Uniform Security Deposit:** Admin will draft form for review at next meeting

**RAH:** They would like to use the sports registration to be raffled off at the Luau which is scheduled for August 29. Commissioners agreed.

**Door:** Dave T informed the commissioners that the original door that was purchased did not fit and he has since purchased a new door for the RAH building from Home Depot.

*Dave made a motion to allow up to \$175 for the cost of the door and hinges to replace the steel door on the RAH building at Memorial Park. Terry seconded, all in favor 3-0*

**Signs:** Admin ordered signs for overflow parking & park information

**Incident at Memorial Park:** Eric will try and speak with the parties involved on Tuesday August 11. If they are not amenable to that then the commissioners will speak with Officer Roath.

**Tree Trimming:** Eric and Dave T will be trimming overhanging branches along the road into Memorial Park.

**Letter from Citizen:** Correspondence reviewed. Commissioners would like admin to check with BOS for information

**Spray Park:** Open on weekends only as of September 8th, and will be closing for the season at the end of September.

**State Budget:** Through Senator Lesser's office, Parks & Recreation applied for and received \$16,000 from the Governors budget to help finish the playscape area work at Memorial Park

**Registrations:** Basketball Clinic & Soccer registration numbers reviewed.

The commissioners will be having a special meeting on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss basketball and other items prior to meeting with the Wilbraham Parks committee on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Terry motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:04pm, Eric seconded. All in favor 3-0.*

Next meeting August 25, 2015 @ 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindi Connors,  
Administrative Assistant