

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Meeting Minutes August 25th, 2015
Town House

Approved September 9, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

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

Members Absent: -none-

Also Present: -none-

Bills: reviewed & signed

Mail: reviewed

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

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

New/Continuing:

Mower:

Commissioners decided that it is okay for Warren to bring the mower to Preco for service if he is available. If he is not available then Dave P and Marty will bring it over in the afternoon.

Park Grills: Tabled until next meeting

Memorial Park Incident: Since no one has been able to contact the family, the commissioners asked that the No Trespass orders be put in place. Office Roath will try and attend meeting to discuss the next steps in bringing charges in the incident.

Agenda Items:

Basketball: Terry opened the discussion in regards to basketball stating that there were two options, continue as last year or CYO and that we can't play as we did in 2013 since we don't have a top level team. Question on whether we would have to have a team in blue to have a team in white. Eric called Andy Rogers as to leagues/teams

Dave P stated that pros and cons should be reviewed. On the pro side for combining, the kids would play together sooner and the skill sets would be closer. On the con side Eric felt that there is a loss of camaraderie at games and a loss of identity. Also mentioned is that we lose control over our players.

Vote called for as to whether to revert to prior format or continue to combine teams. Dave P voted to continue the combining of teams, Dave T, Eric and Terry voted against continuing the combining of teams.

Eric contacted Andy Rogers to ask if Hampden has its own team can our players still go to play in Wilbraham. Andy told Eric that Hampden players may be grandfathered and able to play in Wilbraham if we have a team in the same league.

Meeting with WPRD: Commissioners will be meeting to discuss the \$25 fee for our players to play some sports in Wilbraham. They do not want Hampden players to have to pay extra to play in Wilbraham. Players were not up charged by Wilbraham to play basketball since it was a merged program, however, baseball players were up charged \$25 to play in the competitive baseball program. Hampden did not up charge +/-12 Wilbraham players who played on Hampden teams, and the softball team was not charged to use Veterans field at Memorial Park. The commissioners do understand the up charge for football and LAX since we do not offer these sports in town.

Terry motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm, Dave P seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Next meeting September 9th, 2015 @ 7pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindi Connors,
Administrative Assistant