

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION  
Meeting Minutes March 21, 2017  
Town House

Approved March 28, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

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

**Members Absent:**

**Also Present:** Heather Jolicoeur, Derrick Biermann, John Gurski, and Marty McQuade

**Bills:** - signed

**Mail:** - none

**Agenda Items:**

**Minutes:** *Dave P motioned to approve the February 28, 2017 minutes as written, Heath seconded, 4-0 in favor, Dave T abstained from voting*

**Basketball:** Heather came in to give a summary of the season to the commission. Three of our 10 teams took the championship in their respective divisions. She relayed that the scheduling of both the season and live brackets had been a challenge especially considering the increased fees for CYO this year. She stated that CYO gives our kids a chance to remain competitive. She gave a brief recap of Suburban teams. Heather had been at a meeting with the Suburban and varsity coaches as well as Bryan Litz. He will now be requiring coaches attend a coach's clinic in order to coach. This clinic will be an hour long and will be held at two different times to accommodate everyone's schedules and will be run by MRHS coaching staff; varsity and JV players will also be attending. Jay Ray has offered to run a non-competitive girl's skills & drills clinic. Since he is donating his time, he would like to offer this clinic free of charge. Heather will be outing a more structured program in place for the K-1-2 program for the fall. Discussion about a nine-foot hoop league for grades ¾. Eric has some concerns that it could seriously dilute the total pool of kids playing. East Longmeadow, Wilbraham and Hampden could be in the league.

**Memorial Park:** Marty came in to talk about maintenance projects and the upcoming season at the park. He will probably need more mulch for this year and will look at what needs to be painted besides the restrooms. Terry asked if the plays cape needs to be water sealed this year – Marty had done in the fall and it's good for three years. General preventative maintenance will be done, possibly the replacement of some fixtures in the restrooms. The third purple pony was removed by Bill Wilson who is going to have the foot peg welded then he will reinstall. Bill will also be finishing dirt along walkway and removing the mulch barriers. The RAH building door needs to be replaced. Dave T to follow up. Dave T would also like the light poles painted to make more aesthetically pleasing. Once the park is open he will go down and look around park.

**Bench:** Bench has been delivered to Biermann Services and Derrick will transport to Memorial Park. ConCom meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> to seek approval on installation

**Baseball:** Both John Gurski and Derrick Biermann came in to talk about baseball. We will have one team in every division, Derrick reviewed numbers as well as Hampden ninth graders who could potentially want to play in town if they don't make a MRHS team. Coaches assigned to teams, AD to email coaches their rosters, CORI forms and CDC concussion information and request preferred practice times. Field assignments reviewed. Brief discussion on ad-hoc rentals.

7:30pm Dave Paradis excused himself from meeting.

**Soccer:** AD reviewed numbers/teams

**Social Media:** Discussion surrounding policy and responsibilities

Next meeting scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

*Dave T motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, Terry seconded. All in favor 4-0*

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindi Connors,  
Assistant Director