

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes May 22, 2018
Town House

Approved June 12, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

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

Members Absent: - Phil Tarsi

Invited Guests: – Mr. Jeff Johnson

Also Present: - Derrick Biermann

Bills: - none

Mail/Correspondence: - none

Agenda Items:

Minutes Review:

With one member absent and a change in board members, there were not enough members to vote on April 24th minutes at opening of meeting. Will wait to vote to see if Phil's game gets rained out.

Election of Officer(s): Terry nominated Dave for Vice Chairman, Eric J seconded, all in favor 4-0

Introduction of new Member, Eric DeGray

Baseball: Mr. Johnson attended the meeting to discuss having his kindergarten aged son play up on the first and second grade Pinto team. Derrick and the Parks Commissioners explained that the league rules govern – and the league rules state Pinto is for first and second graders. Mr. Johnson informed the commissioners and Derrick that his son had already played T-Ball and was losing interest in having to play again. Derrick explained that in previous years other baseball coordinators may have made different decisions in different age groups due to age, but now that we were playing in this league that was structured by grade we were going to abide by the league rules, (rules were revised March of this year) Derrick went on to explain that we had only held evaluations one time to form two even teams. He expresses his concern for safety with a newly six-year-old playing against an eight-and-a-half-year-old. Mr. Johnson said both the TBall and Pinto teams were 'not that good' and Derrick responded that could be attributed to the coaching as well. Eric J interjected stating, the rules are pretty clear and asked Derrick what his recommendation was today. My Johnson stated that there were two kids who can't hit a pitch on the Pinto team that need to use the T. Dave informed Mr. Johnson that we are limited in what we can do - the teams are already made, it would be difficult to move a player and that this is not our league and we cannot make an exception. Eric J offered his perspective that this is first and second graders and unless it was warranted by an older age child or a child that had stayed back. Mr. Johnson said it was a conflict for his wife because she was not able to watch her son play TBall and Pinto because of the times they are scheduled/ AD informed group that LK coach has son on TBall team and changes her practices so that she too, can watch her son play. Eric J – 'circling back; something to look into for next year, Eric D – rules are rules, nothing to vote on. Derrick went on to say that this was the first year for actual scheduled TBall games for more of a baseball environment. AD to email Erin to see if games that have been rained out can be made up during the week. Dave and Eric J told Mr. Johnson that his son can practice with Pinto. General discussion signups versus evaluations.

Pavilion Rental Refund Request: Invite in again.

Summer Program: Another senior staff member has resigned. Expected at this point that we will start to see turnover in staff. Review of new CIT program. Letterhead needs to be updated to reflect new board members.

Spray Park Opening: South Shore will be cleaning tanks and bringing extra chlorine with them to fill tanks.

Mower: Derrick addressed the board. There had been little maintenance done on Scag when first purchased. Review of options and bids. Commission selected bid, asked AD to see if complimentary one and two-year

service agreement could be added. *Dave made a motion to accept the 11am bid from Acres Power Equipment in the amount of \$12,449.57. Eric J seconded, all in favor 4-0*

Software: Discussion in regards to reply received from vendor. Terry is going to look into what options we have, (93A, Business to Business)

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With no further business, Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm Eric J seconded, all in favor 4-0

Next meeting scheduled for June 12th at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors,
Assistant Director