

## **Hampden Park and Recreation Department Meeting Minutes May 17, 2005**

**Attendance:** Chris McDonald, Larry Forrest, Huck House and Michael D'Agostino.

Also present were Jay Fenlason, Rick Willis and Sue Gorman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 P.M.

**New member:** The new board member, Huck House was welcomed and introduced to the board.

**Elections:** Nominations for chairman and vice chair were tabled until the next meeting when more board members were in attendance. Chris and Larry will remain in those positions until the election.

**Bills:** The bills were reviewed and paid.

**Minutes:** Larry made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 26, 2005 meeting. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted.

**Summer Activities Program Director:** Kara Vicalvi, the new Director of the summer program attended the meeting. Kara explained to the board what her objectives were to insure the best for the five-week program.

**Director's Report:** Jay reported on the following:

- Two estimates were received for having the pipe crushed at the Park. Larry made a motion to accept the bid from D'Amours, which was considerably lower but covered the same work request. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted.
- The Red Sox bus trip is still selling with about 30 tickets left. Advertisement was placed in the Reminder and on the signboard in town.
- Jay came across old uniforms while cleaning in the softball shed and asked permission from the board to dispose of them. Approval was given to Jay to get rid of the old uniforms.
- Jay and Sue cleaned out and organized the RAH building. There were many things left from the bathhouse renovation and Fall Festival that had cluttered the building and were put back in their respective places. There is a need for a shop vac and hose reels, both of which the board gave permission to purchase.
- The Girl Scouts, under the direction of Marq Culhane, beautified Memorial Park on May 4, 2005, by planting a garden and mulching a garden by the bathhouse and cleaning up around the park. They did a wonderful job, which certainly makes the entrance to the Park inviting.
- Basketball: Jay gave a recap of the season and gave some suggestions for the next season. Overall the season went well with no issues from parents and coaches. Rick Kapinos did a wonderful job as co-coordinator.

-Soccer forms for the Fall 2005 were reviewed and approved. Fees will remain the same for the upcoming season.

-Summer Activities Program: The interviews are now completed for the summer program. The suggestions for 8 counselors and 8 CIT's were agreed upon. Letters will be going out soon and training will be scheduled.

**Pool Committee Update:** The board previewed the survey and letter of purpose that the pool committee wishes to send out to the town. The Board felt the committee members should attend the next meeting to review the survey before it is circulated.

**Ball Field Fence:** Pappelardo Fence Co. will be replacing the old fencing within the next week at Memorial Park. The money from the CPC will be used for this.

**Park Playground:** Larry had some concerns as to the condition of the playground that had been brought to his attention. Swings were missing but Jay assured him that new ones were already purchased and were waiting to be installed soon. The playscape had splintered quite badly and was in need of being sanded and sealed. Larry offered to do the sanding and sealing of the playscape. The basketball backboards are still undecided as to whether they should be replaced or removed. If removed the pool committee would like to replace with a shade fixture.

**Old Business:**

**Team Selection:** Michael made some suggestions for team selections that he felt would help to fine tune programs, help to make a more positive experience for all involved and groom for more competitive teams. He felt strongly that coaches should be involved with team selections.

**New Business:**

**GM Fields:** Chris gave an update on the field layout for GM fields. Trees will be cleared on the right side to put in two modified fields.

**Baseball:** Mike has requested to see the list from evaluations to be able to borrow kids from other teams to help fill his team. His team is short handed and this would allow him to play without having to forfeit games. The board gave Mike permission to temporarily borrow players from other teams. Jay is to get the list to Michael.

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50P.M. Michael seconded. All in favor and so voted.

**Next meeting: June 14, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.**