

Approved June 14, 2005

Hampden Park and Recreation Department
Meeting Minutes May 24, 2005

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Tina Albano, Huck House and Larry Forrest.

Also present were Jay Fenlason, Sue Gorman, Bob White, Deb Joy, Cheryl Opal, Glenn and Darcey Walulak, Sue Rauscher, Beth DeSousa, Mark Feeney, Brian Fitzgerald and Jim D'Agostino.

Elections: Chris McDonald was nominated as the chairman of the board with Larry Forrest as the vice-chair. Tina made a motion to accept Chris as the chairman of the Park and Rec Commission with Larry as vice-chair. Seconded by Huck. All in favor and so voted.

Minutes: Tina made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 17, 2005. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted.

Bills: Bills were reviewed and paid.

Director's Report: Jay reported on the following-

- Pappalardo Fence Co. is installing the new fence by the ball field
- The new swings are to be put up at Memorial Park
- McLaughlin Plumbing replaced the water filter cover in the bath house.
- Mike D'Amours has been contracted to crush the pipe at the park and back fill the area. Mike plans to do this job within a week.
- Soccer forms for the fall 2005 season were sent home 5/24/05
- Jay requested that his last day in the office be May 27, 2005 due to the vacation/sick day/comp days he needed to use. The board was agreeable.
- Mulch for the playscape at the park needs to be ordered. Figures were compared from Rocky Mountain Wood Co. and Dr. Play where it was previously ordered from. Larry made a motion to order the mulch from Dr. Play. Tina seconded. The vote was unanimous and so voted.

Summer Activity Program: Staff interviews have been completed and the list of staff chosen was presented to the board. Larry made a motion to accept 4 counselors and 4 counselors in training. Tina seconded. All in favor and so voted.

Future of Park and Rec.: Chris had several suggestions as to who may be responsible for various activities. Chris will be the representative for the CPC board. Tina will handle the bookwork. Larry will cover field inspections with a schedule. There are many other issues to be discussed and functions delegated as well as the capacity as to which the RAH board will get involved.

Pool Committee: Larry made a motion to no longer consider the pool committee as a sub committee. Tina seconded. All in favor and so voted. They would prefer to be known as the Memorial Park Project or Friends of Memorial Park. The group handed out paperwork for splash parks and with the explanation and knowledge from Mark Feeney the Park and Rec board felt well informed as to the advantages of having a splash park

instead of a swimming pool. The Rauscher Family intends to donate this splash park to the town and pay for operations for the first three years. There was much positive feedback with discussion to continue at another meeting.

New Business:

Girl Scouts: Deb Joy and Cheryl Opal attended the meeting to discuss the service project of repair/restoring the gazebo and footbridge at Memorial Park. This was a former Girl Scout project from the past. The girls need to fundraise for this. Deb will check with the Conservation Committee first.

Soccer: Many town soccer teams were leaving town to join with Wilbraham due to the concern over whether the town would be able to run the soccer program with the proposed cut backs. Darcey called the Wilbraham Soccer Club as well as East Longmeadow for possible placement of players should the numbers be down. Tina is to follow up with Wilbraham to be prepared should the numbers be down. Sign ups end June 3rd. Glenn and Chris will meet on June 6th at 4:30P.M. to discuss registrations. There will be a special soccer meeting on June 7, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the turnout of numbers.

Meeting Change: Larry made a request to change the start time of the meetings for the summer from 7:00 to 7:30 P.M. to accommodate a conflict he has to attend the meetings. Larry made a motion to change the Tuesday evening meeting time from 7:00P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Huck seconded. Chris approved. Tina denied the motion.

Memorial Park:

- There is a sink hole at the park which needs to be filled. Jay is to check with Dana to mark this area with caution tape for safety purposes until it is filled in.
- The well cover will be repaired by Andrew Miodonka.

Tina made a motion to adjourn at 9:55P.M. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted.

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 2005 at 7:30P.M.