

Approved August 9, 2005

Hampden Park and Recreation Department  
Meeting minutes July 26, 2005

Attendance: Board members: Chris McDonald, Tina Albano, Larry Forrest and Huck House. Others present were Bob White, Tim Rainey, John Flynn and Sue Gorman.

Bills: Reviewed and paid

Minutes: Larry made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 12 meeting. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted

Memorial Park/Eagle Scout Project: Tim Rainey recently fulfilled his Eagle Scout Project by working on the playground at Memorial Park. Tim put up new swings, spread mulch and sanded and refinished the play scape. Tim attended the meeting to get signatures from the board upon completion of the job.

Soccer: Anna D'Agostino attended the meeting to explain her disappointment in the placement of her son on the soccer team. He played on another team in the past when there was a need for him to fill a space on the roster. He has now been placed back onto another team that she feels isn't appropriate for him. She would like him to play up back on the other team. Chris will call Glenn to see how many boys are on the roster. Tina made a motion to allow him to play up if space allows. Larry seconded. Unanimous.

Memorial Park: There has been vandalism at the park once again. The RAH building was broken into and the snack bar was raided. Feces were also all over the play equipment and the staff of the summer program had to sanitize it. The police were notified and filled out a report. Doug Farmer is to be called to do a story to alert the public to be aware of anything suspicious at the park. A new lock is needed for the door of the RAH building. There was discussion about putting up better lighting and security. Bob White was going to see how RAH could help and Huck was going to check with a contact of his for the security.

Memorial Park Project: Beth DeSousa attended the meeting to update on the status of the splash park Project. The engineer will be going to draw up a report. Beth will bring any reports in for the board to review and she will also keep the selectmen informed. All fundraising events have been going positively.

Summer Activities Program: Deb Thompson from Green Meadows recommended a family in town who may benefit from receiving a scholarship to attend one week of the summer program. Larry made a motion to call this family and offer the scholarship to both siblings. Huck seconded. Unanimous.

Clerk position: Huck made a motion to keep Sue on through August to allow time to post the position and find a replacement. Chris will post the position. Larry seconded. Unanimous

Old Business:

Pool: The Fire Dept will be pumping out the pool. The Conservation committee will draft a letter to the DEP to notify them as to the cleanup of the space. They will give them a two week window to respond the board is waiting on their approval.

Coaching complaint: Chris drafted a letter to two coaches who had a complaint against their coaching techniques from several parents. This letter is inviting them to attend a meeting to voice their opinions.

Baseball: There has been some discussion to hold fall tryouts for baseball. Wilbraham is going to begin fall tryouts. This may help to get the season off to a better start come spring.

Huck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 P.M. Larry seconded. Unanimous.

Next meeting: August 9, 2005 at 7:30 P.M.