

HAMPDEN PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
Meeting minutes August 23, 2005

Attendance: Board members in attendance were Chris McDonald, Larry Forrest, Huck House and Michael D'Agostino. Also present were Bob White, John Flynn and Sue Gorman.

Bills: Reviewed and paid

P&R Clerk position: The position for a replacement for the clerk (being vacated by August 31, 2005) was posted on the town web site for two weeks. The only interest for the position was from Debbie House. Larry made a motion to hire Debbie pending an interview with Chris. Michael seconded. Chris voted in favor. Huck recused himself from the vote.

Baseball: Huck and Bob reviewed the information from the meeting held with Wilshire baseball (John L. Sullivan League) with the possibility of Hampden joining this organization for baseball... There were eight coaches from Hampden that attended the meeting. There were some concerns expressed that this program should be started in town gradually perhaps with one grade. Wilshire is willing to do as little or as much as Hampden felt necessary. Some of the many benefits discussed were fundraising, uniforms, trophies, and end of the year party. Hampden would be separate from Springfield and would have their own board members. They could draw from a Springfield pool if players were needed. Bob is going to meet with Hampden coaches and discuss the needs of town baseball and put a list together of the needs to be presented to Wilshire. He will report back at the September 13, 2005 board meeting. Concerns also mentioned were whether the players were reaping the benefits at the high school level. John felt the town players were very competitive. John believed there was growth and they had a positive season. John was concerned that the town may lose players if the change was made. Michael felt there would be many positive features the town would have access to like maintenance of fields, equipment, uniforms. He felt RAH and parents needed to be more involved to help build the confidence and structure for youth sports. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Uniform deposit: A uniform deposit agreed upon in June, will be implemented with the basketball season. Larry made a motion to amend the uniform deposit to a \$30.00 fee collected if uniforms were not returned after two weeks of the season ending. Michael seconded. All in favor and so voted.

Soccer Update: The uniforms are sorted, equipment ready, fields lined and goals up. Chris is going to put an ad in the reminder to get uniforms returned. The U9B are playing with 9 players and someone has requested to play up. The board felt this player should not play up and that a flyer should be posted at the school to get more players.

Pool: The pool has been pumped and is waiting for the approval from Conservation to be able to be cleaned. It has been filling considerably over the past few days.

Michael made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 P.M. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted.

Next meeting September 13, 2005 at 7:30 P.M.