

Approved 10/25/2005
HAMPDEN PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Meeting minutes October 11, 2005

Meeting called to order 7:15 pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Huck House, Larry Forrest, Tina Albano and Mike D'Agostino.

Also present were Bob White, John Flynn, Sue Rauscher and Beth DeSousa.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Minutes: Minutes from September 27, 2005 were read. Huck made a motion to accept. Tina seconded.

Spray Park: Sue Rauscher and Beth DeSousa, representing the Friends of Memorial Park, need a "letter to proceed" from the Park & Rec Commission before they can move ahead with the spray park plans. The next step is that a "notice of intent" will be filed. Beth states that Conservation agrees that the pool at Memorial Park is not wetlands. Sue states that the letter from the Board is needed before the engineers will do anything. The letter is needed by October 26, 2005.

Huck mentioned that it was brought to his attention that the "request for determination" should have been filed by the Park & Rec Board. Sue says anyone can file this. The hearing has already been held and decided.

Huck made a motion to draft up a letter in support of installing a spray park at Memorial Park subject to approval of Conservation, DEP and any other regulatory authorities. Tina seconded. All in favor and so voted.

Baseball: John says he is trying to prepare the fields for evaluations. He could not work on them this past weekend because of the weather. He will try next weekend. He will be using MRHS's machine to work on the fields. John asked if it would be possible for Dana to come in and do some work on them. John has six evaluators to evaluate the 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th boys. The 5th & 6th age group eval times need to be changed due to scheduling conflicts. John is thinking of Friday, 10/21 and Saturday, 10/22 at the park. He wants to wait until the end of signups and then notify the 5th & 6th graders of the changes.

The uniform deposit of \$30 will be collected when uniforms are distributed for baseball and basketball. Any check already collected will be returned.

Soccer Refund Requests: Wade Modestow, a U13 PVJSL player dropped out before the season started per Darcy Walulak. He is not on a roster.

Adam Patterson, a U10 PVJSL player signed up but did not want to play per his Mom. He is on a roster with Mike Weisse's team. The policy states that no refunds will be granted after league rosters have been set. Special situations will be considered by the Park & Rec Board.

Tina made a motion to refund Wade Modestow the fee of \$70, but deny Adam Patterson's request because he is on a roster. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted.

New Business: Budget for FY 2007

Chris and Huck feel that scorekeepers, referees, field liners...should be paid with fees and not salary. Tina made a motion to submit a budget of \$19,200 for FY 2007 which includes \$10,000 in operating expenses and \$9,200 in salaries with all other line items being zero. All in favor: Tina, Larry, Huck and Mike. All against: Chris.

Larry made a motion to rescind the last motion and to retry the budget figures. Mike seconded.

Larry made a motion to submit a budget of \$29,200 for FY 2007 which includes \$15,000 in operating expenses, \$9,200 in salaries and \$5,000 in capital improvements with all other line items being zero. Mike seconded. All in favor: Tina, Huck, Larry and Mike. All against: Chris.

Chris feels the fees should support maintaining the fields and that the \$15,000 in operating expenses is too much.

Old Business: Norm Bandoski and Art Ferrara need to turn in the liability waivers for their WSC team members and a \$15/session fee starting from 8/24/05 immediately. Deb will email Norm about this.

Chris feels that we do not have enough information not to let Walter Mclaughlin or Jeremy Donnelly coach in the future. The Board received only four coach evaluations on them, three being unsatisfactory and one satisfactory. Other parents have not responded either way. We will keep this information on record. Larry is going to come up with a letter to everyone involved.

Mike stated that "code of conducts" should be sent out to parents, players and coaches and signed and returned at the beginning of a sport season.

The dumpster at Memorial Park will be going at the end of October. We will keep the electricity for November.

We have the OK from Conservation to remove sludge in the pool at Memorial Park. The pool would have to be drained again first. This will wait until the spring.

The bathrooms at Memorial Park need to be prepared for the winter. Huck said Dana knows what needs to be done, and he will find out the information for the next meeting.

Larry, Huck, Deb, Chris will work the movie night on October 22. Deb will check on the food permit and get in touch with Doug Farmer about putting an ad in the Times.

Huck motioned to adjourn at 10:00pm. Mike seconded. All in favor and so voted.