

Approved 10/25/2005
EMERGENCY MEETING
HAMPDEN PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Meeting minutes October 18, 2005

Meeting called to order 7:10 pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Huck House, Larry Forrest.
Mike arrived after meeting adjourned.

Memorial Park storm damage: The Park is closed and the gate will remain locked. The bridge is to be blocked off with caution tape. Chris and Larry looked at the park after the storm of October 14 & 15. Larry took pictures of the damage. The buildings were fine but there was a lot of erosion by the bridge and along the stream. The fence to the softball field was down in the stream and there are a lot of holes where the ground has washed away. Huck and Dana looked at the park. Huck said that Dana seems to think a backhoe could flip some of the rocks back into the embankment of the stream, then add some 5" surge stone, gravel, dirt and seed to get some vegetation started in there. Huck thinks the fence can be pulled back and the debris around it cleaned up. Some of the couplings have snapped also. Another idea was to call a fence company and get a price on replacing the fence from the shed to mid-right field. Dana will be meeting with MEMA and FEMA soon. He is willing to file all paperwork on Parks & Rec's behalf with MEMA. Dana says he can do the work but does not know when he can get to it. MEMA will usually reimburse about 75%. The work has to be done first. MEMA may or may not reimburse. Mike D'Amours has done work for the Parks & Rec in the past and may be available also. If not, other options would be Billy Bond or Dick Harris. Huck will find out who can come in and do the work and get some prices for the board. Huck called Charlie Schmitt from Conservation and asked him to take a look at the park and to see if we could get his opinion on the damage. The board would like to get a judgment from Charlie so that things are done right. Charlie said he will try to look at the park. He has a meeting with conservation on October 19. He would like to go through the DEP because of past issues with the park. He will try to expedite this. Before we can proceed with any emergency repairs, we have to wait for conservation to notify the board of a determination from the DEP. The board will put together a list of what needs to be fixed right away. Huck and Dana thought that the brook section near the pavilion needs to be dredged. The water does not flow properly now because of gravel that washed from the embankment and filled the stream.

Larry made a motion to keep the park closed until repairs are made. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted.

Larry is going to ask Bob White to make a "park closed" sign.

Memorial Park road: Huck spoke to Mr. Taft, the landowner adjacent to the park road about trimming the trees and brush along side the road. Mr. Taft says that his boundary pins go out to the road. Huck explained to him that the board would like to trim the trees

back a little because of safety concerns. We also would like to use the loader to widen the road about 3" to get it back to its original size. Mr. Taft agreed to the tree trimming and the road widening. Huck and Mr. Taft will walk the road and go over specifics. Hopefully this can be done this fall, if not then in the spring.

Huck motioned to adjourn the emergency meeting at 8:05. Larry seconded. All in favor and so voted.