

Approved 3/28/06
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MEETING MINUTES MARCH 16, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Huck House, Bob White and Larry Forrest. Also present were John Flynn, Mark Giza, Mike Cronin and Rick Kapinos.

Minutes: The minutes from February 28, 2006 were read. Huck made a motion to accept the minutes from February 28, 2006 as read. Larry seconded. All in favor 4-0

Bills: None

Sponsorships: Mike Cronin explained that he was approached by Ed Loico about sponsoring some of the teams. He sponsored Mike's indoor soccer team. Ed's company name was put on the soccer t-shirts. Mike thought that Ed would be able to get about four people interested in being sponsors. Mike will talk to Ed about possibly donating money towards the fields. Approximately \$3000 in sponsorships would be needed to get the four fields in good shape. Signs could be put up at the fields with the sponsor's names on them. Sponsorship amounts were thought to be \$250. The Board was very excited about this opportunity.

Signboard Request: Mark Giza came in to ask if his theater group auditions could be posted on the Parks & Recreation signboard. The Board explained that the policy for the signboard is that it is used for Parks & Rec sponsored events only and not a community board.

Baseball: John proposed to take the Bronco group (5th & 6th graders) and make one Tri-town B team and two Tri-town C teams. Three players would move from the current B to a C team. John Bellerose would be the head coach for the second C team. Rick Kapinos would assist. This change would allow all of the players more playing time. Tri-town has given permission to have twelve members on a team. The three players who will be moving to another team will be contacted. John feels that field time at the Park should be ok with the four teams (Bronco & Pony). Uniforms may need some work. Players will wear their own pants. John went over a preliminary baseball budget. The quotes received from Advantage, Whip's and Abacus for hats, equipment bags and soccer t-shirts were reviewed. We will need three sets of shirts for the Eastern teams and maybe one set for the new Bronco C team. Deb will print up the rosters for the coaches and for posting in the hallway.

There will be a Tri-town meeting on April 3 where paperwork will be handed out to the towns.

Green Meadows Bleachers: The wood on the bleachers is rotted and they have become a safety issue. Dana will get rid of them.

Advisory Board Meeting Update: Larry attended the Advisory Board meeting to go over the Parks & Recreation Department's requested budget for 2007. Larry felt that they were very receptive. He explained some of the capital expenses to account for the \$5000 requested. The RAH building roof is a big concern because nobody seems to know the age of it. The TWB baseball field fences along the first and third base lines need repair or possibly replacement with 6 foot fences. The RAH building needs some downspout repairs. Larry will get pricing on the fences at TWB and the roof of the RAH building. Huck will speak with John to find out if the fences need to be replaced as a safety issue or if it is a league rule.

Softball: There are five NEYSA (Hampden-Wilbraham) teams and two Rec teams (U10 & U12). All NEYSA home games will be at Miletree and practices will be at the Park in Hampden. The NEYSA teams will be called the Hampden-Wilbraham Falcons. Larry felt that the NEYSA evaluations went very well.

The cost of uniforms was discussed. We will be billed \$27/uniform. We will split with Wilbraham the cost for umpire fees, balls, field maintenance... Larry made a motion to have all five NEYSA teams play their home games at Miletree School and practice in Hampden at Memorial Park and TWB. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Bob made the point that the softball players will get a whole new uniform while the baseball players paying the same fee have to wear used uniforms and buy their own pants. Larry made a motion to allocate for uniforms, umpire fees, balls and fields when we are billed at the end of the season. Huck seconded. All in favor 3-0. Bob was opposed.

An itemized bill will be sent to Hampden for half of the field maintenance at Miletree. Larry feels very comfortable with this situation and with CW and Brian from the Wilbraham Rec. Department.

The teams with the Hampden head coaches will practice in the TWB gym. Larry will talk to Rick about scheduling gym time.

Bob made a motion to make Larry Forrest the head coach of the U12 A team and Rick Green the head coach of the U14 A team. Huck seconded. All in favor 3-0. Larry abstained. Larry made a motion to make Paul and Andrea Stolar and Dave Quill co-coaches of the U10 rec team. Larry will call CW to check on this. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0. Larry made a motion to make Tom Scott the head coach of the U12 rec team. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Men's Basketball: A ceiling tile was accidentally damaged at Green Meadows School by the Men's group. They notified the Parks & Rec office and offered to pay for the repair. Bob will stop in to speak to the custodian about the damage.

Soccer Refund Request: A soccer refund was requested. The child does not want to play on the team he will be assigned to. Huck made a motion to deny the refund due to the existing policy that states no refunds will be granted once the team rosters are set. Larry seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Old Business: CPR Classes-Prices from AMR were \$40 for the CPR class and \$40 for the basic first aid class. We will get more prices.

Movie Snacks Prices: Huck made a motion to charge .50 for popcorn refills. Larry seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Gym/Field Rental Fees: Table for next meeting.

Quotes for Baseball/Soccer: Larry made a motion to order the kindergarten soccer balls, the soccer t-shirts and the baseball hats from Advantage Athletic. Huck seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Bob printed up certificates for a free sport registration for a boy and a girl to be used as raffle prizes at the RAH fundraiser on March 17th.

Softball: The Rec U12 team with Hampden and Wilbraham kids will wear Hampden uniforms. Larry will check with CW as to what their rec leagues get-new or used uniforms. Wilbraham will be billed for their part of umpire fees, field maintenance... Hampden uniforms vs. Wilbraham uniforms were discussed.

New Business: Coordinator Gifts- Huck inquired as to whether or not a gift is given to the sport coordinators. A thank you, but nothing else is usually done.

Red Sox Ticket Sales: The price of the tickets will be \$130. We will put a notice in the Reminder and The Hampden-Wilbraham Times. We will have a flyer go out in the schools and post the game on the Parks & Recreation signboard. The tickets will be handed out on the bus. Payment must be made at signup. We will start selling the tickets on April 1.

Summer Camp: We will ask Kara Vicalvi to come to the next meeting to discuss the summer camp. She has agreed to be the camp director again this year.

Budget Situation: Chris will call Tina. We need to know exactly what we have for money.

CORI forms need to be run and passed before practices start in all sports.

Huck made a motion to adjourn at 11:50pm. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Next Meeting: March 28, 2006 at 7:00pm.