

Approved 4/11/06
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MEETING MINUTES MARCH 28, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Huck House, Bob White, Larry Forrest and Tina Albano. Also present were John Flynn, Kara Vicalvi, Sue Rauscher, Beth DeSousa, John Masuck from Ecotec, Glenn Walulak, and John Cavers.

Minutes: The minutes from March 16, 2006 were read. Huck made a motion to accept the minutes from March 16, 2006 as read. Larry seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Commonwealth of MA letter-Letter regarding clarification of recreational camp licensing exemptions was read and reviewed. The Board determined that we were exempt.

Baseball: The fields need to be worked on to prepare for the season. RAH will be paying for the baseball and softball field modifications with the money raised from the St. Patrick's Day fundraiser. Signs paid by RAH will be put up at the fields stating that the field work was done thanks to the money raised from the RAH March 17 fundraiser. TWB will be worked on first. Loam was donated and RAH will buy the sod. Green Meadows will be used for practices while the field at TWB is being worked on. Huck made a motion to accept RAH's generosity to spend the fundraiser money refurbishing the fields for baseball and softball starting with the TWB left side field, then the upper Park field, the lower Park softball field and then the TWB right side field. Bob seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Equipment: Softball equipment for the U10 and U12 teams is needed. CW from Wilbraham has equipment "packages" available for purchase.

Pony: The Hampden Tri-Town Pony team has 17 players currently. CW from Wilbraham has extra players. John discussed the possibility of making two Pony teams of 12-13. One of the teams would be a Hampden-Wilbraham team. Bob will get more information on this.

The bleachers at Green Meadows can be repaired by volunteers. Wood has been donated. Huck made a motion that if someone wants to donate the wood and the time to repair the bleachers, we will have them repaired this year and look into metal bleachers for next year. Tina seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Park Repairs: Repairs are almost complete. No hazardous conditions exist. Seed has been planted. The softball scoreboard box needs repair. Larry will do the work. Some lights on the poles in the fenced in pool area need to be looked at.

Tina made a motion to reopen the park once the repairs are done to the scoreboard box at the softball field. Huck seconded. All in favor 5-0.

There will be a meeting Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at Memorial Park at 6:30pm.

Summer Camp: Kara Vicalvi will be the Camp Director again this summer. The camp will start in July with a possible extra week at the end. Kara will meet with Deb to get organized and start the paperwork. Flyers will go out thru the schools and the camp will be announced in the Hampden-Wilbraham Times and The Reminder and posted on the Parks & Recreation signboard. An alternate site will have to be discussed in case the Park is under construction for the Spray Park at the time the camp is going on.

Huck made a motion to allow Kara Vicalvi to conduct interviews for counselors for the summer camp. Larry seconded. All in favor 5-0

Spray Park: John Masuck from Ecotec brought in the plans for the spray park and explained the layout. The spray park would be situated in the same spot as the existing pool. There will be a 1000 gallon reservoir recirculation system for the water. The bath house will be used as the pump house. Huck thought that the spray park should be located on one side or the other but not in the middle of the existing pool area.

Tina made a motion to accept the plan as presented. Larry seconded. All in favor 4-1. Huck opposed.

Sue does not know yet if anything has to be put out to bid. Sue will set up an account to take care of the maintenance costs for three years. Ecotec has to file with the state DEP. The Parks & Recreation Board needs to sign an application. Chris signed it. There will be a Conservation hearing in April. Sue will let us know when that is.

Softball: John Cavers came in to ask if his daughter can join a softball team. Huck made a motion to accept Mary Cavers on to the rec 5th grade team. Larry seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Field and Gym Schedule: Rick Kapinos will continue to schedule gym and field times for baseball and softball.

Tina made a motion to allow Rick to handle the scheduling for baseball, softball, basketball and soccer. Larry seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Out of Town: Mike Craig was offered an opportunity to come in to the meeting to talk about his children from out of town playing Hampden sports but did not show up.

Financials: Tina explained how she came up with the numbers to the Board. Deb will meet with Tina to take over the financials.

Tina left.

PVJSL: Bob will email RAH to see if anyone is interested in taking over the soccer coordinator job. There was a discussion as to whether we should continue with the

Pioneer Valley League or just run the rec leagues. We would keep the kindergarteners, first and second graders and grades 3, 4 and 5 would go to WSC. Table to next meeting.

Field Use Fees: The WSC, a private organization may want to use our fields. Anyone interested in using the fields will need to come in to a meeting to discuss the fees.

Old Business: We received a letter from Len Surdyka thanking us for our help in setting up gym time for him to run a two-day baseball clinic.

A U14 Hampden girl placed on a B team asked to be on the A team. She was on the A team last year and did not attend the evals this year. The policy is you have to be at the evaluations.

The soccer fields will be lined Sunday, April 1. The goals will need to be moved and set up.

New Business: Bob and Huck went over the baseball uniforms with John. Two sets of uniforms are needed.

The road to the Park is still an issue with Mr. Taft. A surveyor will be needed to distinguish where the pins are.

There will be a CPR/first aid class for coaches on April 10.

Larry made a motion to adjourn at 10:00pm. Huck seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Next meeting April 11, 2006 at 7:30pm.

Special meeting April 4, 2006 at 6:30pm at Memorial Park