

Approved 4/25/06
HAMPDEN PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES APRIL 11, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Huck House and Bob White. Also in attendance were Glenn Walulak, John Flynn, Rick Green and Rick Kapinos.

Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt: Rick Green came to apologize for going ahead and planning the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Park without first asking the Board for the use of the Park. Huck made a motion to allow the Lions Club to use the Park for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 16, 2006. Bob seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Minutes: The minutes from March 28, 2006 were read. Huck made a motion to accept the minutes from March 28, 2006 with changes. Bob seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

CPA Requests: The CPA will hold a meeting on April 13, 2006. Larry will attend this meeting to request monies for the Park. Huck had Brodner Fencing look at the fences around the baseball diamonds. They will supply quotes for the installation of new fencing and the complete removal of the old materials. Huck will meet with Pappelardo Fence Company on 4/12/06 and also get a quote from them. The fence quotes will be ready for the CPA meeting. There will also be quotes for loam and replacement bleachers. Huck made a motion to approach the CPA Board for the monies to replace the 3' fence with a 6' fence at the Park, to purchase four new bleachers for the Park, and restoration to include loam, seed and stump grinding. Bob seconded. All in favor 3-0.

7th grade Park Cleanup: Gina Pantusco will bring her 7th graders to the park and work on cleaning up trash, sticks and leaves. The fields at TWB and Green Meadows can be cleaned up also.

Sport Organization: The Board discussed the possibility of extra people helping to organize and run the sports. There could possibly be one person to order uniforms for all sports and maybe some teenagers would like to help with the field work. Some RAH members were looking for more involvement in the sports. There is a lot of work to be done and too few people trying to do it all. With extra people assigned to different duties and sports, things could run smoothly and more efficiently.

Soccer Signups: Glenn has asked that him and Darcey be able to work right from the soccer signup sheets when coordinating the season. The forms will be returned and kept in the Parks & Recreation Office.

Huck made a motion to waive the uniform deposit fee for spring soccer for the 2006 season. Bob seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Park Opening: The Park is officially open. Huck is looking into the pricing of a dumpster. The police will open and close the Park daily. The electricity will be turned on. Tom McLaughlin will open the bathrooms. The bathrooms and the RAH building will need to be cleaned.

Old Business: PVJSL Continuance: If people are willing to help with the soccer coordinating, then we will continue with the Pioneer Valley League.

Late Payments: Chris wrote a letter to a family regarding the lack of payment for Softball. Deb will write a reminder to another family regarding lack of payment.

Road to Park: The Board will go to a Selectmen's meeting to voice their opinions about the safety issues.

New Business: Spray Park Updates: Email updates from Sue Rauscher were read. Melanoma Foundation Letter: Letter was read and discussed. The decision was no interest.

Soccer field lining: We have someone who will line the fields weekly.

Park & Field Inspections: Inspections of the Park, TWB and Green Meadows fields will be added to the duty officer's duties.

Movie Nights: The Board will watch for new movie releases for May.

Huck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30pm. Bob seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Next meeting: April 25, 2006 at 7:30pm.