

Approved 6/13/06  
HAMPDEN PARKS AND RECREATION  
MEETING MINUTES MAY 23, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:38pm.

**Attendance:** Chris McDonald, Larry Forrest, Huck House and Mark Goossens. Bob White arrived at 8:15pm. Also in attendance was Glenn Walulak.

**Minutes:** The minutes from May 11, 2006 were read. Huck made a motion to accept the minutes from May 11, 2006 with one change. Larry seconded. All in favor 4-0.

**Bills:** Bills were reviewed and paid.

**Memorial Park:** Huck and Bob attended the Selectmen's meeting on May 22, 2006 to discuss Memorial Park road. The Selectmen agreed that the road needs to be surveyed and said they will speak with Gary Weiner about it. We will wait to hear back from them. We received a letter from the Bourchards who live on the corner of the Park road. They have concerns about the speed at which vehicles go up and down the road, the narrowness of the road and the safety of people walking and biking along the road. Larry will respond to their letter. A copy was given to the Police Department and the Selectmen's office.

**Fall Soccer Signups:** The registration forms for fall soccer will be sent home thru the schools next week. The fees will stay the same. There will be a special kindergarten only registration form that will be sent home thru Green Meadow in the beginning of September. The soccer coordinator has asked to have access to uniforms and equipment and the registration forms. The signup period will be June 1 thru June 10. We will know by June 10<sup>th</sup> if we have enough kids to field teams in each age group. If not enough have signed up, we will make calls and let families know so that they can go to the tryouts in Wilbraham on June 12<sup>th</sup> if they want.

**Unfunded Mandates:** A letter from the Selectmen asking for a list of unfunded mandates was reviewed. The Board determined that we do not have any mandates.

**Field Use Request:** We received a request from the Springfield Men's Rugby Club to use one of our fields for a Rugby tournament. The request was denied for the reasons that we will be using our fields for our kindergarten programs and our own scheduled and potential make-up games.

**Member Duties:** The Board assigned each member to a sport as a liaison. Chris will take care of soccer with coordinators Glenn and Darcey Walulak, Larry will take care of softball with a coordinator to be named, Huck will take care of boys basketball with coordinator Rick Kapinos, Bob will take care of girls basketball with coordinator Rick Kapinos, and Mark will take care of baseball with coordinator John Flynn and help from Huck if need be.

**Summer Activities Program:** The Board reviewed a list of duties for the head counselors, counselors and CITs sent in by Kara. Kara is interviewing now for these positions. Camper registration forms were sent out thru the schools last week. Larry will speak with Deb Thompson about using Green Meadows as an alternative site for the summer program if the Park is under construction during the scheduled camp weeks. A news item will be put in the Hampden-Wilbraham Times to advertise the summer program.

**Old Business:** Chris wrote up an announcement for the Reminder to try to get people who are interested in helping to coordinate the sports programs.

Chris observed Rick Willis' baseball team practice on two separate occasions and everything seemed to go well.

Bob will be repairing one of the toys at the Park this weekend.

The Park was cleaned up. The picnic tables were removed from the water and put back under the pavilion. They will be chained in the pavilion. There is a lot of dirt in the RAH building from the machine and equipment used to maintain the baseball/softball fields. The field worker will need to sweep the RAH building when he is done with the fields.

Board members are to check the fields when they are the duty officer of the week.

The movie night planned for June 3 is cancelled. We will try to do a movie this summer outside at the Park.

There are still Red Sox tickets available. A flyer will go home thru the schools. A reminder letter will be sent the first week of June to the people who purchased tickets.

Bob will ask RAH to help with a gift certificate for the person who lines up our soccer fields at the beginning of the season.

**New Business:** The new fence at the ball field at the Park will be installed on Friday. Bob will speak to Mike Bavaro about the fence at the TWB ball field.

The plumbing in the girls' bathroom at the Park needs to be checked. There is always water on the floor near the far toilet. Deb will call Tom McLaughlin.

The U10 softball team coaches have asked if they could have an end of the season party at the Park and play softball. The Stolars have offered to work on the softball field with their equipment. Huck will talk to John about the baseball field worker possibly working on the softball field. The Green Meadow field also needs maintenance. Larry will give the list of games to be played there to Huck.

Huck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:46pm. Mark seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Next meeting: June 13, 2006 at 7:30pm