

Approved 6/27/06
HAMPDEN PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES JUNE 13, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:39pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Bob White and Mark Goossens. Larry Forrest arrived at 7:41pm. Also in attendance were Mike Cronin, Kara Vicalvi and Bruce Specht.

Minutes: The minutes from May 23, 2006 were read. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes from May 23, 2006 as read. Mark seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Bills: Bills were reviewed and paid.

Camp: Larry spoke with Deb Thompson about using the Green Meadows outdoors area, if needed, as an alternative camp site if construction was going on at the Park. She did not have a problem with the kids using the bathrooms and the outdoor water. There is a shed there that can be used for storage of the camp supplies. Larry will check on the use of the cafeteria 1-2 hours a day so the kids can get out of the sun for a while or watch a movie if they have a rain day.

Kara will be ordering camp staff shirts soon.

Park Bathrooms: One of the toilets in the girls' bathroom is cracked and the urinal in the boys' bathroom keeps running. Deb will call Tom McLaughlin for repairs.

A parent asked if the bathrooms could be opened for the softball games. He is willing to unlock, supervise the area while he is there and lock them back up again. Currently, only the Board members and the clerk open and close the bathrooms when they are at games. The bathrooms are not left unlocked due to vandalism. Permission was granted to the parent volunteer to sign out the key with the Police department during their games. Deb will give the Police an authorization list of names of people who can borrow the Park bathroom key.

Basketball Committee: The basketball committee consists of Rick Kapinos and Huck for the boys and Mike Cronin and Bob White for the girls. New uniforms will be purchased thru RAH.

Sport Coordinator Help: Uniforms for all sports need to be inventoried and sorted and stored. We need help with field prep., equipment, scheduling, signup & evaluation timelines, and signup coverage. A meeting will be set up to get together all of the people who would like to help out and to outline what needs to be done for each sport. Bob will get together a list of the names.

Spray Park Update: Chris attended a meeting of the Friends of Memorial Park to discuss the Spray Park Progress. The work will begin in August. The water will be drained, the tar and cement will be removed, the hole will be filled with rocks and gravel, the piping will be put in

with enough for future expansion, and the cement pad will be poured. The Spray Park will open in the spring. The fence will stay up until then.

Fall Soccer: Signups for the fall went fairly well. We could use more first grade boys. The third grade girls will have an evaluation to form two equal teams on June 21, 2006. The Pioneer Valley fees went up. Spring 2007 we may need to increase our fees.

RAH Building key authorization: Larry made a motion to authorize all Board members and Deb to pick up RAH building keys from Serv-U if need be. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Old Business: RAH will supply the gift certificate for the person who aligns the soccer fields at the beginning of the season.

Park Road Update: Gary Weiner has looked at the maps of the Park and has made some markings at the Park. He will be going back to do some more work.

TWB Fence: Bob received a quote to replace the TWB fence with a 6' fence. He will bring the quote to the next meeting.

Baseball Jamboree: The jamboree was moved from June 17th to June 24th. It is scheduled to start at 11:00am.

New Business: Bob is trying to organize a summer basketball team. He will be having outside practices but inquired about gym time when raining. This is for 5th & 6th travel team players.

Wilbraham Soccer Flyer: Chris will be calling Mary Dionne at the Superintendent's office to ask about the Wilbraham Soccer Club information sheet that went home thru the Hampden schools.

Larry made a motion to adjourn at 9:41pm. Mark seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Next meeting: June 27, 2006 at 7:30pm.