

Approved 8/22/06
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 8, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:37pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Bob White and Mark Goossens. Huck House arrived at 7:40pm and Larry Forrest arrived at 8:26pm. Also in attendance was Chris Russell from Prospect Lawn Care.

Minutes: The minutes from July 25, 2006 were read. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes from July 25, 2006 as read. Mark seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Prospect Lawn Care: Chris Russell from Prospect Lawn Care came to the meeting to discuss the lawn care programs he suggests for the baseball, softball and soccer fields at TWB and Memorial Park. He drew up a few fertilization programs for 2006 and 2007 for the Board to review. Mr. Russell suggested putting up a "snow fence" at TWB in the area of the parking lot and basketball court in order to keep traffic away from this area. It has always been a hard area to maintain. Huck will check with Noel on this. Mr. Russell may be able to get a fence, but someone will have to put it up. He also offered a break in the prices for some advertising at the fields. He suggests if nothing else, do the fall winterizer. If the weed control and early fall application is to be done, it would have to be before August 22 since the kids will be returning to the school a week later. Mark made a motion to allow Prospect Lawn Care to apply the weed control and early fall application to the TWB soccer field. Larry seconded. All in favor 5-0. Chris McDonald will call Prospect to let them know this. Chris will also call a few more lawn care companies to try to get some bids for the other work. Table to the next meeting.

Summer Program: The Federated Church Ladies Aid offered two camperships for the Summer Program at the Park. Two children did use the camperships for one week each. Chris will write a thank you letter to the Ladies Aid.

Bob will write a thank you letter for the three volunteers that worked at the Summer Program this year. Larry made a motion to give a \$20 Eastfield Mall gift certificate to each of the three volunteers that helped out at the Summer Program this year. Mark Seconded. All in favor 5-0. Larry will pick up the gift certificates.

Update Facility/Park Use Applications: The Board will review the current facility and Park use applications and make changes if needed for the next meeting.

Baseball: Evaluations for baseball will be held in the fall. Bob and Mark will come up with a system or format to hold the evaluations for the next meeting. The baseball balance needs to be looked at. Mark will review the numbers to find a price per player.

Huck left 9:29pm.

Spray Park: Chris sent an email to Carolyn Brennan letting her know that we will need 48 hours and a quorum if she will need a special meeting to get the contract signed in order to start the spray park construction.

Old Business: Larry reviewed the invoice from Wilbraham for Hampden's share of the softball season.

Larry made a motion to run the softball program the same as last season and have evaluations with Wilbraham in conjunction with Hampden. Mark seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Larry made a motion to pay 20% which is \$274.00 of the field work cost from the softball fund. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Larry made a motion to pay Wilbraham Park & Recreation \$4014.88 for the spring 2006 softball season. Mark seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Larry made a motion that sign-ups for softball will be done thru Hampden and Hampden will reimburse Wilbraham at the end of the season like we did last season. Bob Seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Basketball Uniforms: RAH will be paying for the new travel uniforms. Bob has a quote and will bring in a sample uniform. They will be reversible jerseys. Blue for the boys and light blue for the girls.

Mark made a motion to adjourn at 10:03pm. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Next meeting: August 22, 2006 at 7:30pm.