

Approved 9/12/06
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 22, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.

Attendance: Huck House, Bob White and Mark Goossens. Also in attendance were Carolyn Brennan and Mark Feeney.

Minutes: The minutes from August 8, 2006 were read. Mark made a motion to accept the minutes from August 8, 2006 with corrections. Bob seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Bills: Reviewed and paid.

Spray Park: Mark Feeney gave an update as to the progress of the Spray Park. The DEP sign will have to be posted in a visible spot at Memorial Park. The Fire Department will be draining the water this weekend. Mark was given a key to the pool fence to give to Pete Hatch for this. T&M will go in next week. They will put up silt fences and hay bales and remove the muck from the bottom of the pool. Some of this will be brought to Green Meadows to be used as a base for the athletic fields. The asphalt will be removed. The concreted will be crushed and used as fill. The three old pool ladders will be recycled at the Town landfill. The existing fence that is around the pool will be left up until spring when the project is done. The Town can then decide whether or not to leave it up or take it down. Mark is going to double padlock the gate on the road into the park so that T&M and the police will always have access. When T&M are done, Mark Cline will start bringing in the gravel. Southshore will then come in to install a 2000 gallon underground tank and the piping. They will cover the piping with gravel. The pad can then be poured. This will all be done this fall. The fixtures will be installed in the spring. The chemicals will be provided by Southshore. Mark will call a pool water company to get the 2000-3000 gallons of water needed to charge the system. The concrete pad will be 70' diameter. The water and attractions will be on a 60' diameter. The outer edge of the Spray Park may be grass or gravel. This is still undecided. The Spray Park will have occupancy sensors and a timer. The water will shut off if there is no activity so that it does not run all of the time. The timer can be set to shut the system down at night. There is a blanket warranty of one year. The attractions have a longer warranty and the filtration system will have a separate warranty. Mark informed the Board that two contracts are involved. The insurance certificates of liability names the Town of Hampden as the owners and the Friends of Memorial Park as a non-profit. Mark has them on file. The project is to be built on town property and donated to the town. The contract is with the non-profit, not the town.

Old Business:

Prospect Lawn care: Chris from Prospect is possibly going to buy a slice seeder. If he does, he will give a better price for the field work and we will be his first customer to use the new machinery. He will know in a couple of weeks. Table to next meeting.

Update Facility/Park Rental Forms: Table to next meeting.

Baseball Evaluations: Table to next meeting.

New Business:

East Longmeadow Soccer: Darcey has added a second girl's team that she will coach.

Summer Program: Deb gave an overview of how the Summer Program went.

Baseball: Rick Willis has asked if he could form a 12-13 year old fall baseball team and have use of the field. He will maintain and line the field himself. Bob made a motion to allow Rick Willis to organize a fall baseball team and have use of the field at no cost to the Parks & Recreation Department or to Rick. Mark seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Soccer Uniforms: Pioneer Valley starts September 5. Bob, Huck and Mark will meet Saturday morning to sort uniforms and get them ready for the teams.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19pm. Mark seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Next meeting: September 12, 2006