

Approved 9/26/06  
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION  
MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm.

**Attendance:** Chris McDonald, Huck House and Bob White. Larry Forrest arrived at 7:40pm and Mark Goossens arrived at 7:59pm. Also in attendance were Rick Kapinos and John Flynn.

**Minutes:** The minutes from August 22, 2006 and August 31, 2006 were read. Huck made a motion to accept the minutes from August 22, 2006 as read. Bob seconded. All in favor 3-0. Huck made a motion to accept the minutes from August 31, 2006 as read. Bob seconded. All in favor 3-0.

**Bills:** Reviewed and paid.

**Basketball:** Rick went over the travel tryout schedule and the registration form for the 2006-2007 season. He will revise the registration form and it will be sent out in the schools for October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Huck made a motion to accept Rick's 2006-07 basketball sign up form with changes. Larry seconded. All in favor 4-0.

The kindergarten kids will each get a ball and t-shirt. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will get a shirt and some kind of award at the jamboree.

Rick will need evaluators for the travel tryouts. Bob will get some names from RAH and Larry will mail the evaluation format that was used last year to Rick. Rec evaluations will be in November if needed.

Rick feels the boys 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> should be in the CYO league only. They have been having a hard time in the Suburban league. Larry asked what the Suburban policy was on getting in or out of the league, and if we do not offer Suburban for this age group, how does it play out with Wilbraham. Wilbraham does offer Suburban but not CYO. Rick said he will look into both concerns and get back to the Board. Rick asked the Board to take another look at the refund request they had reviewed and denied at the last meeting. Rick pointed out that the child did not play and that the roster size was not affected by the child being removed from it. The request was from last basketball season. The Board's decision would have been the same whether or not the request was presented now or back in the season. The policy has to be followed.

**Baseball:** John reviewed the last baseball season. Jay Ray was great with the kindergarteners. The first grade boys played alone and did great. The second graders played a little more competitively and did well. The third and fourth tri-town team had a terrible season. John recommends that there not be a third and fourth grade tri-town team and that all third and fourth graders should play in the Hampden-Wilbraham rec league and should be evaluated in the spring to split them up evenly. The fifth and sixth graders had two C teams and one B team last season and did well. John would like to do evaluations on this group the week of October 9<sup>th</sup>. Sign ups for fifth and sixth graders only will be during the next two-three weeks. A signup sheet will be going home through the schools for the fifth and sixth graders only with the evaluation dates for this age group. All other signups will be in February and any evaluations that are needed will be done in the spring. The pony (7&8<sup>th</sup> graders) team was very large

last spring. John would like to evaluate them in the spring, as well as the third and fourth graders, to form two equal teams if enough boys sign up.

Chris asked if we did not offer a tri-town team to our third and fourth graders, can our boys go over to Wilbraham. John thinks that tri-town does not allow town blending and will check into it. Wilbraham restricts their numbers and only has one or two third and fourth grade tri-town teams.

Eleven pony (7&8<sup>th</sup> graders) age Hampden boys went to the JLS tryouts in Wilbraham.

John will get back to the Board with evaluation information and format at the next meeting. He has almost all of the uniforms back. The recent fieldwork at the Park looks good. Bill Wilson is willing to come back in the spring to set up the baseball and softball fields.

Bob made a motion to not offer tri-town to the third and fourth graders this spring, only to the fifth and sixth and seventh and eighth graders. The flyer will go in the next Tuesday envelope in the schools.

Mark seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Huck made a motion to increase the fifth and sixth registration fee from \$80 to \$90 to keep current with increasing expenses for the 2007 baseball season. Larry seconded. All in favor 5-0.

**Soccer Coordinators:** Glenn and Darcey Walulak sent a letter in to the Board notifying them that this fall season will be their last as coordinators. They have been the coordinators for the Pioneer Valley League, East Longmeadow League and kindergarten soccer. Deb will get in touch with Michael Cronin to see if any RAH members would like to take over all or part of the soccer coordinator job. The Board reviewed the new 2007 requirements for the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League which Glenn passed on to Deb.

**Financial Update:** The Board reviewed the financials.

**Old Business:** Prospect Lawncare-Chris will check with Prospect to see what they can do for \$700 for the baseball outfield at TWB.

Park/School Use Forms Update-Huck made a motion to table this to the next meeting so that Chris has time to review the current forms. Larry seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Softball Update-The evaluations are going on now for NEYSA. All is going well. Evaluators are needed for Thursday. Bob will give Larry some names from the RAH members list.

**New Business:** GM Gym Use-Larry will speak with Deb Thompson regarding the use of Green Meadows School after school hours.

Men's Basketball Team-The team that plays on Thursdays would like use of the gym for three hours. The Board has limited the use of the gym to two hours.

MA Food Service-A fax was received regarding new regulations for proper hand washing procedures. Signs will be posted on movie nights. Bob will look into what signs are required.

Camperships-Chris wrote a thank you letter to the Federated Church Ladies Aid for the camperships they sent for two children to attend our Summer Program.

Selectmen's Newsletter-Chris will write up a paragraph about the Parks and Recreation Department for the Selectmen's Newsletter.

Spray Park Update-Chris has asked Carolyn Brennan to send updates on the progress of the Spray Park. Sue Rauscher sent in an update that the Fenway Golf fundraiser was very successful, and engraved bricks will be sold as a fundraiser later this year to surround the Spray Park. Mark Feeney sent an update that the blacktop and concrete are gone from the old pool. It will be filled with gravel within the next few days.

Clerk Salary-Deb has been the Parks and Recreation clerk for a little over a year. Larry made a motion to make Deb a grade 6 step 1 level and make it retroactive from one year. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0. Huck abstained.

Huck made a motion to adjourn at 10:20pm. Larry seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Next meeting: September 26, 2006 at 7:30pm.