

Approved 3/27/07
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES MARCH 13, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Larry Forrest and Bob White. Mark Goossens arrived at 7:38pm and Huck House arrived at 8:02pm.

Minutes: The minutes from February 27, 2007 and March 6, 2007 were read. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes from February 27, 2007 as read. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0. Mark made a motion to accept the minutes from March 6, 2007 as read. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Bills: none

Baseball: Registration for the 2007 season ends March 23. The season opens April 23. Coaches will be chosen at the March 27th Parks & Recreation meeting. If coach interviews are needed, a special meeting will be held on March 30th. The Eastern group could use a couple more players to form two teams. The Bronco group could use a couple more players to form three teams. The Pony team has enough players. The Eastern and Bronco groups will be divided into equal teams. The teams will be picked draft style with the coaches but without having the kids come in for evaluations. Bob White will be scheduling indoor practices. The Tri-town season for Pony starts on May 12 and for Eastern and Bronco on May 23. The All-star game will be June 23. Bill Wilson has agreed to prep the fields. Mark will draft a letter to the 3rd & 4th graders who tried out for the JLS team and made the Eastern team. A \$10 refund check will go with the letter. This is the price difference between the JLS and Eastern leagues.

Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League: Per Bob White, we are all registered for the spring soccer season.

Gym Scheduling: Bob White will be scheduling the gyms for indoor baseball, softball and soccer practices.

Softball: The coaches for the 1st & 2nd grade rec teams will be Darcey Walulak and Larry Forrest. There will be two Hampden-Wilbraham teams. The coaches for the 3rd & 4th rec teams will be the Quills and Ogoley. There will be two Hampden-Wilbraham teams. The coaches for the 5th & 6th rec teams will be the Leslies and Malinski. There will only be one Hampden-Wilbraham team. There are only two Hampden girls on the NEYSA U10 team. The U10 will be coached by two Hampden coaches. There will be two U12 teams coached by Jeff Barillaro and Larry Forrest. There are two U14 teams both with Wilbraham coaches.

Old Business: Budget - Chris went to the Advisory Board with our revised FY08 budget.

Insurance – Chris drafted a letter to the Selectmen asking for clarification of our Town insurance coverage.

CPR/First Aid Classes – CPR and first aid classes have been set up for our coaches. We have been unable to confirm the dates with the instructor. A March 14th deadline will be set for confirmation of the dates. If we do not hear by then, we will have to cancel and reschedule to another time.

Softball Clinic – Rob Baroni will be holding a clinic tomorrow, March 14th at TWB. Larry made the Board aware that a fee was charged. We were not aware that a fee was going to be charged. It was assumed that the clinic would be free. This commitment with the softball clinic was made prior to our discussion about the possible baseball clinic with Dan Donovan. Larry collected the checks and signed waivers from the families. Larry will talk to CW and Brian from the Wilbraham Rec. Dept. about the fee.

New Business: Summer Program 2007 – The registration fee for the Summer Program at the Park will be increased to \$90, \$85 for each additional sibling. The fee for out of town families will be \$100. The extended hours fee will be \$10/day and the times will be 2-4pm. Sign in sheets will be used to account for staff hours. A breakdown of the Director's hours will be requested. The ratio of staff to children will be adjusted.

TWB gym use request – Jeff Farnsworth has asked if the gym would be available for lacrosse practice in case of rain. He coaches a Hampden-Wilbraham team. The dates he is looking at are 3/20, 22, 27 and 29. The week of the 20 & 22 are fine. The week of the 22 and 27 will be at Bob's discretion.

Coordinator Thank you – Chris will draft a letter to Rick Kapinos, our basketball coordinator, thanking him for his work on the 2006-07 season.

Mark made a motion to adjourn at 9:45pm. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.

Next meeting: March 27, 2007 at 7:30pm.