

Approved 4/17/07
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES MARCH 27, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Huck House and Bob White. Mark Goossens arrived at 7:38pm and Larry Forrest arrived at 7:47pm.

Minutes: The minutes from March 13, 2007 and March 23, 2007 were read. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes from March 13, 2007 as read. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes from March 23, 2007 as read. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted 3-0.

Bills: none

Summer Program: Kara Vicalvi will be the camp director again this summer. She was filled in about the spray park opening. The summer program will run for five weeks beginning July 9-August 10. Kara felt that the after care program should be eliminated stating that only a small number of children attended each week. The snack bar accounts will be cleared at the end of each week with any balances being returned to the kids. The registration forms will be sent out through the schools the beginning of May and then again in June. An ad will also go in the Hampden-Wilbraham Times stating that registrations are being accepted. A discount was discussed for early registration, or a late fee for Monday morning signups. A notice will be put on the signboard that staff applications are available. Kara will come in to the 4/24/07 meeting for an updated discussion about the summer program. Registration forms are to be kept at the Parks & Recreation office. The staff/child ratio was discussed.

Refund Requests: The Board reviewed two soccer refund requests. Bob made a motion to allow the Janczulewicz refund. Huck seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0. Huck made a motion to allow the O'goley refund. Bob seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Baseball: Coaches that have signed up are: four volunteers for t-ball, Jay Ray for first grade, Janene Kane for second grade, Bob Gomez for JLS third and fourth grade, Rick Willis and Mike D'Agostino for Eastern third and fourth grade, Rick Kapinos and Walter McLaughlin for Bronco fifth and sixth grade, and George Flanagan for Pony seventh and eighth grade. We are still looking for another Bronco coach. There will be two Eastern teams and three Bronco teams. Evaluations will be held Saturday, March 31 for the Eastern and Bronco players. The evaluations will be held for the purpose of forming two equal skill level Eastern teams and three equal skill level Bronco teams. The Eastern players will meet at 10-11:30 and the Bronco players will meet at 12-2. John will contact the kids. Rick Kapinos, Mike D'Agostino, George Flanagan and Rick Willis will work with the Eastern group and Jay Ray and some of his baseball friends will work with the Bronco group. We need to find a field worker for the baseball/softball season. Deb will check with Pam on the age limit to drive a town vehicle.

PVJSL: Bob White and Michael Cronin would like to try to build the program back up from the U9 age group. They will coordinate the soccer program in the fall and see how it goes. Fall soccer registration forms will go out through the schools the first week of May.

Old Business: Basketball Coordinators-Chris drafted two letters to the basketball coordinators, Rick Kapinos and Michael Cronin, thanking them for their hard work and dedication to the basketball program.

RAH Roof- Larry said that Rivet Roofing will replace the RAH building roof whenever we want it done.

CPR/First Aid-Mark and Larry will come up with a date for another CPR class for coaches that did not make it to the first class and need to be recertified.

New Business: Basketball-Four large plastic containers are needed for storage of the basketball uniforms.

Highway Dept. keys-Dana has asked for a key to the restrooms at the park. He had one but it no longer works. Huck will get him a new key. Dana was trying to unlock the restroom doors for Becky Moriarty who was checking on the handicap complacency of the restrooms. Mark Feeney had previously informed us that they were compliant except for some grab bars.

RAH-RAH would like to buy four aluminum soccer benches for the TWB fields and build dugouts at the TWB baseball diamond with the profits from the St. Patrick's Day fundraiser. Bob will call Noel for information and the OK to pursue the building of the dugouts.

Soccer Field Dimensions-Chris and Bob will mark the four corners of the fields. Bob will contact the other coaches for help in lining the fields. The two fields, kindergarten field and the practice area will be done in preparation for the opening of the season.

Earth Day-Wilbraham Monson Academy's student activities director has asked if we would like them to pick up trash and clean up any areas as an Earth Day project. The Board has approved this. Deb will get back to WMA and let them know that they are welcome to clean up Memorial Park.

Memorial Park-The electricity to the Park will be turned back on. The dumpster pickup schedule will resume. Deb will contact the plumber to open the restrooms.

Park Rental Request-The Girl Scouts will be renting the Park in May for a ceremony and have asked permission to set up a bounce house. The Board has denied this request.

Huck made a motion to adjourn at 9:42pm. Mark seconded. All in favor and so voted 5-0.