

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION  
Meeting Minutes April 14, 2009  
Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:24pm

**Members Present:** Larry Forrest, Huck House, Bob White and Rick Kapinos.

**Absent:** Mark Goossens

**Also:** Jay Ray

**Bills:** Reviewed and paid.

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes from March 24, 2009 were read.

Huck made a motion to accept the minutes from March 24<sup>th</sup> as read. Bob seconded.

**Baseball:** Wilbraham is looking for a field for their 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade teams. Due to the construction at Spec Pond, they are without a field. They have 3 teams that need practice time and also need to schedule Tri-town home games. Our field will be made available to the three Wilbraham teams for pre-season practice on Wednesdays and Fridays. Home games can be scheduled on the weekends only from noon on. Coaches will be expected to clean up afterwards and rake. Jay will relay this to CW at Wilbraham Park & Rec. They will need to go through Mark for scheduling. If it becomes an issue, the Board will re-address this.

The bleachers were moved to the schools by RAH volunteers.

Todd Ely has asked if his Monson 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team can practice on one of Hampden's fields. Because the team is a C level team, they are at the bottom of the barrel for practice time. The higher level teams are given preference. The team is only looking for some practice time. Their games are scheduled on other fields. They are in the Tri-town league. There may be time available per Jay. This will be done as a courtesy from one Parks & Rec Department to another. Todd will be asked to contact Jay.

Jay discussed the potential for a small shed at the Park near the baseball field for supplies and equipment. Steve Carabetta offered to build an 8 x 10 shed. It will be put on a cement pad.

The locks on the school sheds have been changed. The TWB shed lock was cut off and replaced. Larry will speak to Deb Thompson at Green Meadows about the shed lock over there.

Softball – RAH discussed moving in the softball fence from 305' to 200'. If the fence is moved in, adult softball cannot be played there. RAH tabled this for now. The Girl Scouts are building dugouts at the field in memory of Coach Steve Karpells. They should be done by mid-May. There will be a plaque on the first base side dugout. The benches that are there now will be moved to the Green Meadows field.

There was a discussion about the TWB diamond that extends to the soccer field. The soccer goals have to be permanently anchored. The goal is 190' from home plate. Bob, Jay and Rick feel that this should be ok. We have to have two soccer fields at TWB. Soccer referees are scheduled in twos. There will be two games in one location. No soccer games are scheduled when there is a baseball game on that diamond.

**Old Business:**

Huck spoke with Paul McNaughton about a brick walkway from the spray park pad to the restrooms. The cost would be \$3600 for the walkway. A quote was received from Joe Grant for a cement walkway and a new sidewalk right in front of the restroom doors. His quote was for \$4700.

Spray Park Security Camera – The camera has been ordered and is in. The holdup is the licensing on the band.

Budget – The Advisory Board has recommended showing the full clerk’s salary as opposed to showing only half as in the past. They are recommending an increase in operating expense for a Park maintenance position. Huck made a motion to go with the Advisory Board’s recommendation on the salary line item. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

**New Business:**

A request was received from Mile Tree School for two gift certificates to add to raffle baskets for Dr. G’s retirement party on Wednesday, April 15th. Proceeds will benefit the Wilbraham Hampden Academic Trust. Huck made a motion to donate two certificates, each for one free week at the summer program to be used on any of the five weeks. Bob seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Huck made a motion to adjourn at 10:05pm. Rick seconded. All in favor and so voted 4-0.

Next meetings: April 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm  
May 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Submitted by Deborah House, Clerk