

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes August 22, 2018
Town House

Approved September 11, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Members Present: Terry Ford, Eric DeGray, Dave Paradis and Phil Tarsi

Members Absent: Eric Jacobson

Invited Guests: Heather Jolicoeur, Derrick Biermann, Chris Dow

Also Present: Nancy Zebert, Tim Connors

Bills: - presented, see below

Mail/Correspondence: - none

AD notified those present that meeting was being recorded

Agenda Items:

Minutes Review: *Dave moved to accept August 8, 2018 minutes with amendment, Eric D seconded, Terry voted present, I not voting.*

Chris Dow: Chris came in representing the Falcons Youth Lacrosse Association. Wilbraham players are receiving a \$25 sponsorship through Wilbraham Parks & Recreation. Chris is asking for emails to be sent out to Hampden parents to let them know about the program and is hoping that Hampden Parks & Recreation will sponsor Hampden players with \$25. Terry asked the ages of the program and Chris replied K-8 adding that he has asked the varsity coach to help put a program together. Dave asked for a hand-out with more information. Chris also mentioned that WPR maintains free loaner equipment. To be added to next agenda

Basketball: Heather Jolicoeur came in to review basketball after she and Dave met with WPR staff. Hampden players will register in Hampden, Wilbraham players will register in Wilbraham. If Wilbraham has any overflow they can play CYO in Hampden. Terry mentioned that when eighth graders go to MRHS, they will be eligible for freshman sports. Will 7th graders be eligible as well? Brief discussion on the potential for sports enrollments with 7th and 8th graders at MRHS. Evaluation dates as well as evaluators mentioned. For gym usage at TWB, practices will be scheduled to run until 9pm and the Suburban program will have 2 'prime' slots from Tues, Wed or Thurs for practices. Terry told Heather that the commissioners will have to approve all employees and Heather replied that she would like to keep all kids who worked last year. She will come back in to a meeting once teams are formed. Review of returning referees. AD waiting for registration packet from WPR. Signboard needs to be updated with registration dates.

Baseball: Derrick Biermann came in to review fall baseball. Three teams will be using the field, two for practices and games and one for just practices as there are not enough players for them to field a team for competition. An out of town team is being charged for field use and will be prepping for their own games. Question if Hampden residents are being charged an extra \$25 for competitive baseball after coordinator was told there would be no extra fee by the Wilbraham Baseball Committee. (AD verified no extra charge) Derrick informed the commission that bats will need to be purchased next year but that the batting helmets are still good for two years. Dave asked if Phil would work out as an assistant coordinator and Derrick informed him that AD had done most of the work during the day while Derrick attended the meetings at night he added that having Phil would help, they could split up the meetings and he could learn the intricacies of the respective program(s)

Sprinklers/Sod: Sprinklers should be installed shortly as sod will take 3-4 weeks to root.

Wiffle Ball Tournament: Seven teams, majority of registrations the morning of event. Coincided with football practice. Left over trophies will be repurposed next year.

Vacancy: AD informed the commissioners that Heath Joseph was not able to make the Wednesday night meeting due a prior obligation, but wanted to express his interest in returning to the commission. Dave Turcotte came in as well and informed the commission that he is also interested in the opening.

Soccer: Still in need of coordinator. Numbers reviewed. The 3-4-5 grade team will use TWB field with Wilbraham Parks & Recreation referees.

Pavilion Reservation Form: No indemnification clause. AD emailed a copy of current form to Terry for review.

Refunds: *Dave made a motion to approve requested refunds, Eric D seconded, in favor 3-0, 1 not voting*

TWB: Sign is missing from door

Possibility of Renovating Bath House: AD will look into project

With no further business, Dave moved to adjourn meeting, Terry seconded, in favor 3-0, 1 not voting. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Next meetings tentatively scheduled for September 11th and 25th at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors,
Assistant Director