

HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION
Regular Meeting Minutes September 11, 2018
Town House

Approved September 25, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:08pm

Members Present: Terry Ford, Eric DeGray, Dave Paradis and Eric Jacobson (6:15)

Members Absent: Phil Tarsi

Invited Guests: Stacey Black, Andre Botas

Also Present: Nancy Zebert, Tim Connors

Bills: - presented & approved

Mail/Correspondence: - presented

AD notified those present that meeting was being recorded

Agenda Items:

Bills: Dave questioned Rocky's invoices and was told these expenditures were made by Marty and the attached invoices detailed what he had purchased.

Lacrosse: Hampden residents are being charged an extra \$25 while Wilbraham residents are not. AD will contact Chris Dow to provide more information and/or attend next meeting.

Minutes Review: Discussion in regards to commissioner who verbally resigned to board and sent email to office and spoke to AD when she was working in another capacity in different office. AD spoke with Town Clerk today and email requires a signature to be valid. Minutes amended to show one member not voting
Terry moved to accept August 228, 2018 minutes as amended, Eric D seconded, 3-0 in favor, 1 present..

Basketball: Stacey Black and Andre Botas came in to present information about coed clinics and girls AAU tournaments that are being offered through the group being coached by Scott Walker. They would like some gym time. These events are run by All Pro Sports, LLC. Board is concerned over minimum number that will be needed to run clinic and that the person running the clinic is aware of the size of our gym.
Dave made a motion to allow twice weekly practices until the regular season of basketball commences. Eric seconded, 4-0 in favor.

Stacey will email players for AAU tournament and supply flyers for AD to send out to players and ask Wilbraham to send out via blast. Vendor will carry insurance and register clinic participants. CORI will need to be submitted for coaches involved in clinic, one UConn asst coach, two contracted coaches from All Sports.
Terry made a motion, based on the stipulations, (CORI, fliers insurance rider), to allow All Pro Sports to run a clinic Columbus Day weekend. Dave seconded 4-0 in favor.

MRHS is looking for gym time for the Minnechaug boys' team. Angel Velez said he will take any time we have. There is an opportunity for a College Spotlight tournament and he would like to get the team in for some practices. Request approved, AD to inform requestor of available time slots.

Refund Request: Request for refund due to broken wrist. *Dave made a motion to approve, Eric J seconded 4-0 in favor*

Sprinklers/Sod: Sprinklers will be installed after fall ball ends.

Pavilion Rental Request Form: *Dave motioned to table this to the next meeting, Eric J seconded, 4-0 in favor*

Signboard: Eric J volunteered to update, AD to send information to Eric J

Veterans Field: Ask Marty to look at. Eric J mentioned Warren and an old mower to drag rascal, Dave P asked AD to check with Warren.

Agenda: Dave has an extra item to add. He would like the agenda sent to the board by 9am the day before or day of posting for their review, so that they can add/edit before it is posted. He also asked if possible for the minutes to be sent out within a couple of days/finished and sent out by Thursday.

Bad Check: AD advised to have Treasurer try to redeposit. Try to contact and inform signer

Dave asked for an email reminder on September 12th in regards to the Suicide prevention meeting at the PD.

7:15pm Dave Paradis excused himself from meeting.

Wilbraham Middle School: Asst Principal Serenity Greenwood asked if the commission would like to set up a table at their open house on September 19th, perhaps CYO basketball? Eric J asked if WPR is putting a table up? (Serenity has not heard back from WPR)

Vacancy: Terry asked that this be added to the next agenda if Phil officially resigns. He has not yet turned in a written, signed resignation.

Soccer Uniforms: Eric J thought AD had ordered jerseys. AD stated that she had ordered t-shirts while on vacation since jerseys wouldn't be ready in time. Eric stated that AD had taken three days off and that he had asked all of the commissioners and no one knew that she was going to UMASS. AD told Eric J that she had informed all of the commissioners of her vacation and the UMASS classes – Eric D then said he knew, just didn't remember the dates and Terry said he didn't remember and Eric J added that he and Dave didn't know. AD stated she would review her personal recordings and try and get the sound bite to Eric J from the August 8th meeting and Terry reminded everyone he was not at that meeting. Eric D stated vacation was irrelevant to uniforms since they would've had to have been ordered a month in advance which is what a coordinator typically does. AD contacted Chairman during her vacation and asked to order the t-shirts for lack of time and Chairman approved the order. AD explained to Eric J it takes about three weeks to get the camo jerseys he wants. Eric J asked if the order had been placed and AD informed him that it had not been placed and that she wouldn't spend money without the commission voting after being falsely accused of unauthorized expenditures. Eric D went on to say he feels that the uniform situation is the commissions fault, that they dropped the ball on soccer after spending all summer talking about wiffleball. He went on to say that enrollment went from 3 kids to 60/65 in a weeks' time when school started. Terry informed commissioners that historically, East Longmeadow had ordered jerseys and billed us, Eric D added that his wife had ordered jerseys for the past three or four seasons. Eric J directed AD to place order first thing in the morning and Terry recommended collecting current t-shirts to store for emergency use.

Terry made a motion to appropriate funds for new soccer jerseys, Eric D seconded, all in favor 3-0

AD informed those present that she has an opportunity to attend a training class on Thursday. She also stated that since January any time she has taken time off she has made it a point to inform the commissioners. Eric J asked that AD make him aware so that he is on the same page.

With no further business, Terry moved to adjourn meeting, Eric J seconded, all in favor 3-0, 7:50pm meeting adjourned

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindi Connors,
Assistant Director