

WILBRAHAM PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: February 12, 2009

Location: Senior Center – YMCA

Refreshments: Dave Patterson

Commissioners in attendance: Donna Borchers, Joe Desmond, Bonnie Drumheller, Mark Jones, Dave Patterson, Stan Soja, and Bryan Litz, Recreation Director.

- I. **Meeting Called to Order by Mark Jones at 6:05pm.**
- II. **Introductions**
New members and old members
New member- Bonnie Drumheller, Secretary
Old member – Joe Desmond (returned)
Moment of silence for the Burnham family
- III. **Minutes from Previous Meeting Approved and Accepted**
(Minutes will be given out at the meeting)
- IV. **Bills Submitted for Approval: *Sprint and Books***
Books on coaching were requested by Bryan Litz for the Rec Department's library
Double Goal Coach \$10.00, and Game On All American \$16.00 on Amazon.com
- V. **Correspondence: *Bill Wells - 10-12 Baseball Tryouts and Tri Town All Star Games***
 - a) *10-12 Baseball Tryouts - Bill Wells made a motion on behalf of Mike Prairie and Mr. Prairie to allow Mike Prairie to be evaluated for the 10-12 Baseball Team. Mike Prairie opted not to tryout in September 2008 for two reasons:*
 1. *Playing on a Springfield team coached by his uncle, and his long-time friend as a team mate; and*
 2. *Obligations with the Wilbraham Falcons Football team. The Springfield baseball team did not work out. Bill Wells would like Mike to be evaluated and placed on the A Team because of his exceptional and outstanding baseball abilities. Request unanimously opposed.*
 - b) *Tri Town All Star Games – Bill Wells requested the Tri Town All Star Games be renamed for June 2009 to Chris Burnham Memorial Tri Town Tournament. Towns that participate in the Tri Town League are Belchertown, East Longmeadow, Granby, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Monson and Wilbraham. Bill suggested that tee shirts screen printed with the Tournament name be sold and a plaque presented to the Burnham family.*

VI. Committee Reports

A. Country Club – Disc Golf

B. F.O.R. – *New Chairman, Dave Clini*

C. Open Space – Develop practice complex

Mulch n' More space – equivalent to two fields

D. Community Preservation - \$367,000 Total projects

\$200,000 Washington Street residential development

\$ 40,000 Cemetery expenses

\$ 30,000 Sawmill Pond (historical)

VII. New Business

A. Field Meeting –

Lacrosse field hockey uses Wilbraham Middle School fields

WPRD needs more space; approach Board of Selectmen

B. Selectmen's Letter –

Lack of communication; keep lines of communication open in the future

C. Renaming town baseball fields in memory of Mike Farrell, Chris Burnham and Brad Pinney

VIII. New Programs

Bryan Litz presented the Sandlot Series featuring:

Adult Volleyball - \$5.00/Resident; \$10.00/Non-Resident per game paid at the door

Adult Basketball - \$5.00/Resident; \$10.00/Non-Resident per game paid at the door

Wilbraham vs. Wild – new Summer Program for ages 13 and up

\$45.00/day per participant

\$250.00/week

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Suggested Program Facilitator: Collin Drury

Community Kayak – new Summer Program for all ages

Use Nine Mile Pond and Spec Pond

\$25.00 per participant includes lunch

Disc Golf – new Spring Program

18-Hole Course

Use Crane Hill space

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Next meeting is on March 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

This is a true record.

Bonnie M. Drumheller, Secretary