

Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of

June 3, 2010

Present: Sue Pollender, Marcia Dockum, Howard Paul, Pat Rumrill, Pam O'Neil

Comments:

- BR students are asking for a soccer backboard at Dorsey. Howie mentioned that Mr. Pullinen the Athletic Director mentioned putting one there last year. Howie will look into it.
- Little League complaints regarding playing time. Some kids have quit due to playing time mostly in the 9/10 year olds. The Ludlow Team of 11/12 year olds the coach is doing a nice job. Only 1 stopped playing after opening day. He did play 4 out of 6 innings and had never played before. Mom decided to withdraw him from the league. A 10 year old child was ejected from a game due to language and helmet throwing. Little League suspended him for one additional game. Phil Chimbolo is the commissioner and perhaps next year the commissioner does not field a team.

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the April Meeting were approved.

Director's Report:

- An opening day parade on May 1<sup>st</sup> was held for t-ball and grades 7/8. This was optional for the older kids. There was a t-ball game and a minor league game with a waffle ball event afterwards. All went well.
- Co-ed softball started on May 17<sup>th</sup>. 8 teams are on the roster with 2 of them being new this year. All games will be played at Dorsey.
- Tennis league has begun and is going very well. The courts are getting a lot of use. There are 6 women and 8 men in the league.
- Summer brochures have been handed out to the schools. There are lots of programs to choose from. Tyler Kathan will be doing a basketball camp which we haven't had in a few summers.
- Hawk Mtn will not be opening their stable this year, so there will be no horseback riding offered.
- There is a big change in the summer program this year. Monday – Thursday it will be at the elementary school from 8:30-11:30 working on educational material and will have the free lunch program from the Abbey Group. At 12:00 they will be bused to West Hill ending at 4:00. This was made possible from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant. Counselors will work 32 hours per week with Ashley Stillwell being the Summer Recreation Director.

Old Business:

- A letter was received from Fletcher Farms regarding the Dog Park. They want to make sure that everyone can use the park and that it's not just a "Ludlow" park. Sue and Fern will compose a letter with Howie after school ends for the year.
- The Gazebo is almost done. George and Ann Dunnett are fixing it and it looks very nice.

- Armory: Josselyn Brother Builders was awarded the contract. They started on Tuesday and plan to be done by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

New Business:

- Fletcher Fields: It was discussed that a possible rental fee for these fields be issued starting July 1<sup>st</sup> for teams that are not affiliated with the Town of Ludlow or Black River High School. Howie will check with other Recreation Areas to see how they handle rental fees and report back to Mr. Heald his findings. It costs approximately \$50 to line the soccer field and that does not include labor. This discussion stemmed from a complaint from the Springfield Soccer Club Coach that the lines were not painted on the field and that the grass needed to be mowed. This field is used by them on weekends when the Recreation Department staff is not on duty. During the months of April, May and June more help is needed with prepping these fields. The Town of Ludlow pays \$19,000 for the use of the gym at BRHS. BRHS uses the town fields with no payment to the town.
- At the High School girls last home softball game, music was played along with the National Anthem. The kids on the skate park and tennis courts stopped what they were doing, took off their hats and stood for the National Anthem. This was very nice to see. There has been no vandalism and no trash so far at Dorsey Park.
- Howie is looking in to a new way of maintaining the fields at Fletcher Fields. Currently he is sharing a tractor with the high school and it takes quite a while to drive it to Fletcher Fields. He will look into getting a tractor and possibly storing it closer to Fletcher Fields. Howie will also check into possibly storing it at the Beakman House across the street from the fields. There is no money in the budget for this year. He will try to put it in the budget for next year.
- Lori Saccardo will be starting yoga at the Town Hall next Thursday from 6-7p.m.
- West Coast Swing Dance will be hosting a weekend long dance from Friday through Sunday.
- Fourth of July fireworks are being put on by the Ludlow Merchants. The Rotary Club will have hotdogs available.

Next Meeting: July 8, 2010 at 5:00p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: Pat made a motion to adjourn at 5:45. With a second from Pam, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rumrill, Secretary

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Susan Pollender

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Marcia Dockum

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