

Ludlow Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Ludlow Community Center – Recreation Office

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

5:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 5:10 pm. Members present: Sue Pollender, Joe Gurdak, Julie Barr, Pam O'Neil and Recreation Director, Howard Paul.

Comments from Citizens:

- Patty brought a question from the community about fence around playground.
- Howie received many thank yous for the Easter egg hunt. Lots of happy people and thanks to the volunteers and the event as a whole.

Approval of Minutes:

March meeting will be approved at May meeting.

Director's Report: (See Attached for more detail)

- Public Forum went well. Two meetings with Skate Park Committee. Turn out strong. Steve Stengal has been pushing the park for use and has had no more trash issues. Very positive meeting. Have looked at Skateboard Park about fence. Jerry Tucker, Jr. and Sr. have a plan for where fence should go and how the flow of the park. Howie will get estimates and pick the lowest bid.
- Ludlow Egg Hunt: Middle and high school softball team filled plastic eggs and a number of volunteers helped hide. Two different hunts for the different ages. In total, 135 kids participated. It was a beautiful day and after the hunt, everyone returned to the community center for chocolate bunnies and to return the plastic eggs.
- Little League registration is at 102. Registration was a month long and then extended for another two weeks. Registration closed and uniforms were ordered however, kids are now still trying to register. Howie asked for recommendations on how to proceed with those families. We will allow for late registrations, however families will be responsible for additional costs occurred for late order on uniforms and we cannot guarantee uniforms will be here for opening day. As of this meeting, only 60% of registration money has been received. Twenty-Five children are going to be scholarshipped. Tropical Storm Irene destroyed all of sponsorship signs, Discussion around how to replace them. Patty will call Okemo about a donation and see if we can get something before opening day. Benson's Chevrolet's will again be a sponsor of Ludlow Little League and they have individual sign for us to post.

Old Business:

- Howie has spoken to Chief Billings about an increased presence at Dorsey Park, not just driving in. Ludlow Electric will proceed with new lighting and possibly a timer. One recommendation is that with lights on a timer, one light goes out 10 minutes before others. Mike Blais, from Country Side Lock 7 Alarm will install new cameras.
- Howie has found two people interested in doing a Dog Obedience class in community center. We have held them before in the Town Hall. We will provide the space and program, with proceeds going directly to the provider. This program will bring people to the community center that may not be currently accessing the facility.

New Business:

- Proctorsville fields. A question was raised about trashcans and bags being down at fields. There will be and Kevin will empty trash.
- Paul Kendall from the Springfield Soccer Club has requested to rent the field for their spring season at \$50 per day and his request was granted. They have their own insurance, but will also be covered under the Town's as well.

Next meeting Date:

Motion to change meeting date to second Wednesday of the month by Patty Rumrill, seconded by Julie Barr. Unanimously approved.

Next meeting will be May 8, 2013 at 5 pm at the Community Center.

Motion to adjourn by Patty, seconded by Julie. Unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 5pm.

Susan Pollender

Joseph Gurdak

Patricia Rumrill

Julie Barr

Pamela O'Neil

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela O'Neil, Secretary