

# **Ludlow Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Ludlow Community Center – Recreation Office

Tuesday, November 10, 2014

5:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm. Members present: Sue Pollender, Joe Gurdak, and Leslie Boyle. Pam O'Neil and Recreation Director, Howard Paul. Frank Heald, the Ludlow Town Manager was also in attendance.

## **Comments from Citizens:**

- The kids who participate in Summer Rec program their MAPS scores went up 80% increased and the kids who did not participate showed improvement.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes from October 14, 2014 Meeting: Motion by Leslie seconded by Joe. Unanimously passed.

## **Director's Report:**

- Soccer program ended in October. K to 3 at Dorsey, 4-6 ended with a jamboree in Chester, instead of
- Awards night last Tuesday, lasted only 25 minutes. No food just coaches introducing players.
- Winter sports sign ups 3 & 4 boys Josh Rouke 7 or 8, 3 & 4 girls Nick Sheehan, not 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys program, they will be able to play Middle School. Karen Trimboli has some concerns. Yes to a 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls Barry Martin
- Cheerleading had 8 girls sign up: Vinessa White coach.
- Bone Builders continues to have good participation.
- Adult Basketball has between 22 to 26 players (Tues and Thurs will change to different nights) probably Monday and Friday, Volleyball on Thursdays.
- Still trying to find a yoga or zumba instructor this winter.
- OMS has been coming to use the community center/gym almost everyday with 30 students. Howie will work with OMS and the school to see if both groups can use the facility without very many conflicts.

## **Old Business:**

- Ideas for West Hill: Open it year-round. Skating rink, open sledding hill and post on your risk. Dog Park with solar light with path from parking lot. Sand volleyball courts. Tear down building make one bathroom handicapped accessible on the side that would need to be heated because of town water pumps. Keep picnic area and add more tables and grills. Design hiking and walking trails, similar to the one's at Greven's field. The summer concert series could be moved to West Hill from the Gazebo.

**New Business:**

- Many complaints from soccer communities regarding people bringing their dogs to Fletcher fields and letting them run. They leave the field a mess and waste all over. Fletcher Foundation will allow us to post signs on both sides that say no dogs and Cavendish will contribute to the cost.
- The recreation committee would like to invite Frank Heald, Ludlow Town manager, back to the January meeting to discuss West Hill options in more detail.
- There is a meeting tomorrow, (11/11) with Frank Heald, Shannon Martin, and Karen Trimboli about the summer program and Quest. They plan to talk about program numbers and how to get kids more involved. Howie shared that there is a high number of Ludlow students that are eligible to receive free and reduced hot lunch. Is the cost of the program influencing parents not to send their children because they cannot afford it? There are 119 Ludlow students--K-6, and 62 students in Mount Holly. If there are 180+ kids why are only 35 kids coming to summer youth program on a daily basis. Only 40% may be playing soccer, and 30% may be playing winter sports.
- Howie will be presenting the Recreation Budget at the November 17<sup>th</sup> Select board meeting.
- The Turkey Trot will be held on thanksgiving again. It starts at 89 am at Dorsey Park. Donation of an unwrapped gift for the Black River Good Neighbors.

**Next meeting Date:**

There will not be a December meeting. Next meeting will be January 13, 2015 at 5 pm at the Community Center.

Motion to adjourn by Patty seconded by Joe. Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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Susan Pollender

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Joseph Gurdak

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Patricia Rumrill

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Leslie Boyle

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Pamela O'Neil

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela O'Neil, Secretary