

Ludlow Recreation Committee
Minutes of
October 7, 2015

Present: Susan Pollender, Joseph Gurdak, Patricia Rumrill, Howard Paul

Absent: Leslie Boyle, Heather Tucker

Sue called the meeting to order at 6:25pm.

Comments from Citizens: No written comments were submitted this month.

Approval of Minutes:

- Joe Gurdak made a motion to approve the minutes of August and the special September meeting regarding West Hill. With a second from Sue Pollender, the motion was approved with no discussion.

Director's Report:

- Soccer is going well. We are having a problem with families not paying for the registration. Registration forms were sent home to parents and parents did not want to send the check to school. Howie is tracking down all unpaid balances. Moving forward with the soccer program will depend on what happens at the middle school level.
- Fitness Center: no new members in a while. Howie is hopeful it will pick up when the weather gets colder.
- Rugby has gone very well this year. They are playing at Fletcher Fields and qualified to play the fall season which you needed to be in the Top 4. They beat a team from Boson and Cape Cod.
- S.V. Tennis League is winding down. Several participants have headed back to Florida for the winter.
- Pickup basketball is on Tuesday evenings and is our best program right now.
- Open Gym is busy from 2:30-4:00. Basketball, football and Frisbee are played. Everyone is very well behaved.
- The Antiques Show was on October 2 and 3. Arrival time for set up was at 1pm, many showed up at 10:45. Had some issues of vendors driving on the grass and bringing pets to the gym.
- The town has decided that any rental of the facilities on the weekend will be an automatic \$500 to cover the cost of staffing and maintenance. This fee was increased due the fact we were losing money.
- Adult activities: Howie talked to some instructors and are waiting to hear back about Zumba and Yoga.

- Skate Park: ready to close down for the season. It has been clean all year and the kids were very well behaved.
- Dorsey Park: had an issue this year with a juvenile. A 30 day no trespassing order was issued. This individual was climbing on the roof of the snack shop, in the trees, tried to choke another child and was extremely disrespectful to the police officer on duty. A second police officer was called and he was removed from the park.
- The scoreboard controller was repaired due to wetness. Howie discovered that it is possible to run the clock from the concession stand during inclement weather.
- Basketball signups will be November 9-13 Monday - Friday from 4-8pm. The committee decided that each member will take a day to help Howie with the registration process and collect the fees. Howie had sent out a Fall brochure to alert people that the fees need to be paid before they start practicing or receive a uniform. The Rec Committee will help with this process during registration.

Old Business:

- West Hill paperwork went to the Select Board and Howie met with Frank. If the water sample does not pass this fall, we will try again in the spring.

New Business:

- Soccer Jamboree: Grades 3/4 will be on October 10th and Grades 1/2 will be on October 17th. Final end of season night game will be on 10/24.
- Halloween Festivities: will be on October 31st. The parade will begin at the BR Academy Museum at 6:00. The youth party will begin at 6:15 and end at 8:00. Light snacks and drinks will be served. The committee decided to discontinue the teen dance this year due to low attendance numbers the past several years.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th at 5:00pm

Motion to adjourn: Joe Gurdak Seconded by Pat Rumrill Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rumrill

Susan Pollender

Joseph Gurdak