

Ludlow Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Ludlow Community Center – Recreation Office

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

5:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm. Members present: Patty Rumrill, Julie Barr, Pam O'Neil and Recreation Director, Howard Paul.

Comments from Citizens:

- Townspeople voiced frustration that fireworks were not on the 4th this year. Ludlow Merchant's Association were the ones organizing the event, not recreation, however, because recreation staffs it, people assume that it is recreation.
- A lot of positive feed back from Summer Youth Camp. Parents say that are having a good time, however, the feel the food is not very good. Quality and quantity of the food not working out. Many feel that portions are not adequate for students. Parents are very disappointed in the food. Recreation committee suggests that Superintendent Bruce William's is invited to have lunch with Summer Camp and Quest participants.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of May 8, 2013 and June 11, 2013 meeting minutes. Pam motioned, seconded by Patty. Unanimously approved.

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

- Co-ed softball season is behind about 13 games with rainouts. The season is scheduled to end the 1st of August, however, it may have to be pushed back. Howie will try to keep it as close to the original ending date as possible.
- Summer Youth Camp going extremely well. The first two weeks averaged about 70 kids a day, third week was 82 and this forth week is close to 90 kids. For the trip to Hampton Beach, the camp will be bringing their own lifeguards. Numbers are way up from last year's average of 50 kids a week.
- Summer Soccer programs that started in June and will end at the end of July. This year players are paying: Ludlow residents \$40 non-residents are \$55. Scholarships are available for those who need assistance. Three scholarships have already been given to members of the girls' team and two for the boys' teams. There may be two other players who will need assistance.
- Babe Ruth baseball has 24 boys. Unfortunately, only three are from Black River and others are from Chester. The team averages 15 to 16 players a game, it is tough to play all and be competitive. No rainouts to date.
- The Baseball and Softball camps will run the week of July 15th.
- The Basketball Camp will be run by Meghan Farrell.
- Sunday Concert Series: There have been two so far with few attendees. Attendance has been around 20 to 25 people. The Recreation Committee may want to consider reducing the number of concerts for next summer.
- Fireworks July 5th and 6th: There were approximately 240 people bussed up for fireworks, and approximately 20 people walked. On July 5th, Chris

Kleeman was cancelled shortly after he started because of thunder. At first, the organizer of the event from the Merchants Association and Streetscapes was reluctant to cancel the fireworks or vacate the field. Eventually, the field was cleared and fireworks were rescheduled for the following night. It was unfortunate that weather was bad and that fireworks were moved to Saturday. Because, all of the explosives were loaded and tied, they could not be disassembled or left alone. The Atlas Technician stayed the night and following in his truck to keep an eye on everything.

Old Business:

- Lights at Dorsey still not fixed. Light department needs to wait until ground dries out. Steve Stengal is frustrated that lights are not fixed, but it is out of our control. Light company is ready to go when ground dries.
- Howie had a conversation with Pat Pullinen regarding field maintenance and his involvement for the upcoming school year. It is agreed that the town will continue to maintain Dorsey, however, the school-based fields will have limited involvement.

New Business:

- Meghan Farrell will be leaving at the end of the summer. We wish her our best, and thank her for her time.

Motion to go into Executive Session, motion by Patty and seconded by Julie. Entered Executive session at 5:46 pm.

Out of Executive Session at 6 pm.

Next meeting Date:

Next meeting will be August 20, 2013 at 5 pm at the Community Center.

Motion to adjourn by Julie, seconded by Patty. Unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Susan Pollender

Joseph Gurdak

Patricia Rumrill

Julie Barr

Pamela O'Neil

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela O'Neil, Secretary