

Ludlow Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Ludlow Community Center – Recreation Office

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

5:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm. Members present: Sue Pollender, Patty Rumrill, Joe Gurdak, Pam O'Neil, and Recreation Director, Howard Paul.

Committee Reorganization

Motion made to nominate the following a slate of officers.

President: Sue Pollender

Vice-President: Joe Gurdak

Secretary: Pam O'Neil

Motion by Patty Rumrill, seconded by Pam O'Neil. Unanimously passed.

Comments from Citizens:

- Comments regarding fixing the walkway. It floods and ices over. We have placed cones. Until weather clears, people can take ramp instead of stairs. We will explore the concerns.
- There was a complaint that over the weekend people built ramp on ramp; Eugene couldn't get it completely cleaned before it was used. While the student could get through in the wheel chair, the aid did voice a complaint.
- We received numerous compliments on building and cleanliness. Home and garden show praised the facility.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the March 11, 2014 meeting minutes. Patty Rumrill motioned, seconded by Joe Gurdak. Unanimously approved.

Director's Report: (See attached report for more details)

- Recreation Department's end of the season banquet was held on March 20th at the Community Center. There were 21 Cheerleaders, along with boys and girls basketball. Both girls and boys A set of parents donated sweatshirts to both boys and girls teams. Mike Santa Maria purchased banners. Frank asked that they only be held for 1 year
- Pickup basketball has become Huge 6 to 8. Averaging 18 as high as 28 on Tues and Fri.
- Indoor soccer still going strong Sundays at High school. Up to 24 peoples averaging
- Teen indoor soccer program going well. Chris Miele and Bruce Schmidt are the coaches. If the rec committee is going to continue to support this

program, we would like to see incoming 9th graders able to participate since they will be playing with these teams during the upcoming season.

- Spring indoor walking still have a high number coming to walk. The school has been sending Life Skills program to walk as well.
- Saturday and Sunday open gym. Going strong
- Bone Builders don't like being in cafeteria. Feel the room is too small. They believe that they should use the red room and other programs should be moved.
- Carl Pavano came in March 12th and 18th to work with high school boys on pitching. He says he'll come back when he is back in town again.

Old Business:

- Greg Eaton has received permission to play middle school baseball as 6th graders because he is too old for little league.

New Business:

- Pitching machine that was purchased too years ago has vanished. Custodians said they moved it from the shower to the shed. We believe that the school plans to assume it was stolen, fill out a police report, since it was purchased for the school by the town and should to be under the school insurance. Frank believes that it can be claimed on their insurance. The machine is \$1800.
- Summer Recreation: We are including breakfast, lunch and weekly activities and as well as new licensing fees and other expenses; we believe that the price should be increased. It has been \$65 for the past few years. The Recreation Committee recommends an increase of \$10 to \$75 for Ludlow residents and for non-residents \$90 per week. Summer Rec does receive some subsidized funds, as well as give scholarships for those who don't qualify for the subsidies. Summer Rec camp will run from June 23rd to August 8th,

Motion to raise camp fees to \$75 for Ludlow residents and \$90 for non-residents by Joe Gurdak, seconded by Pam O'Neil. Passed unanimously.

- Summer Employment. There were lots of applicants. Because we are a licensed facility, a 16-year-old staff member doesn't count towards taking care of children. They must be 18 or above. Therefore, we will hire two under 16 years of age for summer maintenance who could also help at day camp. They may chaperone, but are not considered part of the State's ratio. Present staffing will cover 80 kids. 16 year olds --Earl Brown and Ethan Van Guilder, 18 year olds—Ben Veysey, Megan Croushene (Life guard WSI \$11.00), and Zoe Trimboli and Katie O'Neil. Katie O'Neil will be paid \$12.00/hour as Camp Director; all other counselors are paid 9.00/hour. In past salary based on 40-hour week. This year considered full time seasonal employed and everything over 40 hours would need to be paid time and ½. On trip weeks when they know they will be late, they will monitor hours so as not to go over 40 hours. Also in the past, the allowed for early drop off and

late pick up. They may not be able to offer it any more do to staffing hours. Howie will work with the Camp Director to keep hours under 40 hours.

- Little League opening day is scheduled for Saturday, May 10th. Numbers are down a lot this year. We have two tee ball teams of 8 players each; 7&8 year olds there are two teams of nine. (They can play 7 on 7 by league agreement). There is one 9 & 10 year old softball team, with 13 girls, one 9& 10 year old baseball team with 12 boys and one 11&12 baseball team with 12 boys and one 11& 12 year old softball team with 18 girls. Coaches for all teams except t-ball are set. Our program includes Mt. Holly but not Cavendish. Cavendish has their own program. Recreation received \$500 to purchase red sox shirts and want logo on shirt, however, when we ran into a problem with Keith's and their new ownership. In the past, they had always printed major league logos, however, there are new owners. The new owners are not allowed to use logos that are trade marked. The logo can only be 10% of anything like MLB names. They are exploring the ability to print, however, because it is a reorder, we may be able to use old logos as a reorder. We could go to small shop, but still is in our best interest to use Keith's. Howie will explore other options when time is appropriate.

Next meeting Date:

Next meeting will be May 13, 2014 at 5 pm at the Community Center. subject to change due spring sports schedules.

Motion to adjourn by Joe, seconded by Patty. Unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Susan Pollender

Joseph Gurdak

Patricia Rumrill

Pamela O'Neil

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela O'Neil, Secretary