

Ludlow Recreation Committee
Minutes of
August 13, 2019

Present: Sue Pollender, Joe Gurdak, Pat Rumrill, Jeannie Stasz, Marissa Selleck, Nick Miele

Call to order: 5:01pm

Comments from Citizens: None

Approval of Minutes: Joe motioned to approve the minutes as printed. With a second from Jeanne the motion was approved.

Director's Report:

- July 4th fireworks had over 1300 people in attendance. Additional food vendors were in place along with face painting and vendors selling glow sticks. The Chris Kleeman Band performed from 7-9 pm with the Imery Talc Fireworks display after the band.
- Basketball Camp combined Ludlow, Chester and Cavendish and had an average of 18 participants. Last day of camp, they went to the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield MA.
- Adult co-ed softball ended on August 4th. Rules were adjusted to promote more offensive play. Would like to see more teams participate next year.
- Dorsey Park has seen some improvements: repainting benches, edging the tennis court and softball field, replacing lights, fixing sprinklers.

Old Business:

- Epic Promise Update: total renovations will cost \$21,204.60 which was proposed to the Vail team. Terry Fortuna is waiting to hear back with their approval. If all goes through the work date will be Saturday, Sept. 14th. This includes: repair to the field house, horseshoe pit, installation of a new playground and revamping the walking path.
- Dog Park Update: Looking for Scott Murphy to get community members to help. Sue will contact Scott to see where he is at with this task.
- Little League Opening Date: Nick would like to schedule the date now. He will check with the Fishing Derby and Green Up Day and schedule around them. It was difficult having opening day and green up day at the same time.
- Parks & Facilities: Nick handed out a list of things that need to be done and would like help prioritizing the list. He did get quotes for tree removals along the 3rd base line on the softball field to the bowl at the skatepark. Trees come over into the fields and tennis courts. It was discussed about what to put into Dorsey Park due to the usage will be down after BRHS closes. We will still use the field for summer softball and soccer grades K-6. Does the playground need to be updated at Dorsey Park? What is the budget? Community Center needs to reline the court and add pickleball lines. A tree out in the front needs to be pruned or taken down. Possibly removed and replaced with

two sugar maples. The committee would like to see the bulk of the funds used towards the community center as it is a year round facility.

New Business:

- Springfield has offered a tackle football program for Ludlow kids to join. Only a handful of kids enrolled and is not hurting the soccer numbers.
- Ludlow will be hosting a boys and girls 5/6 soccer tournament and a 3/4 jamboree in October. There will be a 3/4 boys and girls team, grades 5/6 might be light and there is plenty of kids for K/1/2. Registrations are now online and Nick is encouraging parents to use the online portal to register and see the schedules.

Next Meeting:

- September 10th at 5:00pm

Motion to Adjourn was made by Pat, with a second from Jeanne, meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rumrill
Secretary

Susan Pollender

Joseph Gurdak

Jeanne Stasz

Marissa Selleck