

# Ludlow Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

## December 15, 2011

Present: Howard Paul, Patty Rumrill, Joe Gurdak, Julie Ficken, Susan Pollender and Pam O'Neil.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

### **Comment's from Citizens:**

Why isn't high school summer soccer charged to play? The youth, babe ruth, etc. are all charged. It is hard enough to get kids, if they were charged they probably won't play. It costs \$1400 for boys and girls high school summer soccer games; 10 games at \$70/each.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve Minutes from November 8, 2011 by Joe, Seconded by Patty. Unanimously approved.

### **Director's Report: (See Attached Director's Report for detail)**

- Yoga has moved back to the Community Center.
- Zumba continues to be offered with a Teen's Only zumba class Tues & Thurs from 2:45 – 3:30 pm
- Cardio Kick Boxing has begun on Saturday mornings from 9 – 10 am.
- Live Z Dance has restarted.
- Indoor Soccer began the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- Tia chi has begun on Sunday afternoons.
- Basketball 101 for grades K – 2 began on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> and meet Saturdays, 10 to 11 am.
- Grade 3 & 4 Basketball began Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 5 & 6 Basketball has also begun with 16 games plus tournaments.
- Cheerleading & Dance for boys and girls in grades 3-6 will provide half-time entertainment for home basketball games.
- After School Program is a k-6 program from 2:32 to 5:15 pm runs five days a week.

### **Review Of Sports Schedule:**

Questions were raised about the winter sports schedule. Basketball plays two games a week. 5<sup>th</sup> /6<sup>th</sup> grade teams practices MWF , and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team practices T/Th. The season runs from Dec to March (4 months). This schedule is

consistent with surrounding recreation programs. The committee believes that the schedule is fine as it is related to the length of the season and supports the following: 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> play 12 games and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> play 16 games not including possible tournaments

## **Old Business**

### **Summer Recreation Program:**

Howie attended a meeting prior to the meeting with Vanessa, from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Afterschool program and they have agreed to work together and offer the same type of program they have in the past. This summer season would be more of a combination of the two programs. The Summer Recreation/program schedule would be set, with no last minute changes. Planning will include members of the both the Recreation Department and 21<sup>st</sup> Century summer program personnel. The schedule for the summer will be compiled in May with input from both parties. The summer recreation program comes with a lot of past data and information about successful programming.

### **Budgeting:**

The process has begun. \$30, 000 was put in the budget for a 40-hour/week Recreation Assistant position. This position would replace an afterschool position, field maintenance, and evening coverage of Community Center. They would balance Howie's time. After first meeting, it is still in the budget. Selectman Schmidt asked for a program analysis including number of programs, participation numbers, and success of different programming. Howie will provide information for next meeting. The recreation committee is sensitive to the financial needs of the community. Howie was asked about coaching salaries and referee fees. When recreation took over school program, it was agreed to remain the same as the school pay scale. Little League coaches have been volunteers; school programs have paid coaches. The recreation committee asked Howie to explore the idea of paying Little League coaches on a scale related to team level for FY '14.

## **New Business**

### **Little League:**

On January 11<sup>th</sup> Carl Pavano, of the Minnesota Twins and David Rose from Major League Baseball will be here to present the equipment from "Pitching in for Baseball. " They will do a meet and greet with kids, autographs. Howie will ask Abby Group to provide refreshments.

### **Recreation Department Team Sport:**

Motion by Joe Gurdak, seconded by Patty Rumrill to set a \$40 fee/participant for all recreation team sports programs, not to include adult programs.

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 5 pm at the Community Center. (Meeting changed from Thursday, due to Howie's coaching commitment and the MLB presentation.)

Motion to adjourn at 6:00 pm, by Patty Rumrill, seconded Julie Ficken.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela O'Neil

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Susan Pollender

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Joseph Gurdak

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Patricia Rumrill

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Julie Ficken

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