

Preliminary Minutes of the  
Ludlow Recreation Committee  
February 21, 2017

Present: Sue Pollender, Joe Gurdak, Pat Rumrill, Howie Paul

Absent: Leslie Boyle, Heather Tucker

Comments from Citizens:

- None

Approval of Minutes:

- November minutes were not submitted. They will be approved in March along with the February minutes.

Director's Report:

- Winter walking continues to be very popular. Groups come in at 7:00am, 8:30am then randomly throughout the day. Average of 6-8 people per day 7 days a week.
- Fitness Center has not seen a lot of use this winter.
- Adult volleyball continues on Mondays from 6-8. They have been very flexible with basketball schedules. Average: 14 participants
- Adult basketball on Tuesday & Thursday saw a decline in people from Springfield this year. Averaged 15 participants.
- Indoor Soccer on Sundays. Custodians at the school don't like people entering through gym doors due to floor getting wet, asked that we not prop open the doors and use the door by the locker rooms. Trying to get a toggle card for Victor Cucullo to keep door unlocked during soccer time. Average: 14 participants.
- K-2 basketball ended on Saturday. Played 3 games. Coaches: Alison Blodgett & Paul Meoli. End of season breakfast with medallions. 18 participants
- 3-4 basketball with Jerry Tucker & Chris Garvey. Had 2 teams of 7 with 14 participants
- 5-6 boys basketball with Jeff Tate won league championship. Playing tournaments now until mid-March.
- Grade 6 girls basketball with Nick Sheehan won league championship being undefeated 20-0. Playing tournaments through mid-March. Some girls are playing with the middle school team as well.
- Community Center Rentals: hosted several birthday parties, the boys scouts arrived. One group cancelled due to icy ski conditions. They sleep and keep their equipment in the red room and have use of the kitchen. \$500/weekend.

Old Business:

- Dog Park meeting with Fletcher Farm Foundation took place. Talked about No Dog Signage on the fields. They are willing to have a dog park in the area beyond the softball backstop. They ask that it be named the “Millie Fletcher Memorial Dog Park”. Will meet again in the spring with Ludlow and Cavendish Rec Directors for funding ideas and fencing.
- West Hill was open for sliding this year. No bathroom facilities were available. Posted signs “use at your own risk”. There has been an issue of families building jumps on the hill. West Hill has seen a lot of activity this winter.

New Business:

- Little League will depend on Middle School numbers. If MS is unable to field a team do we allow 6<sup>th</sup> graders to play with them? If so, due to the Little League Regulations, 6<sup>th</sup> graders will not be allowed to play little league which could prevent Ludlow Rec from having a team this year.
- We will be sponsoring an elementary girls indoor soccer league team this year at Georgetti Park in Rutland. Bruce Schmidt will be the coach. The team will play from March to Mid-May.
- The baseball camp is tentatively scheduled for March. Due to the gym renovations at BRHS Howie is trying to figure out how to use the Community Center for baseball practice. One of the problems is that the basketball hoops do not retract. Also putting up netting for a batting cage needs to be anchored to the wall which is sheetrock. This will pull out very quickly and damage the wall.

Executive Session: 4:35pm    Returned from Executive Session at 5:00pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

Motion to Adjourn: Joe Gurdak, Second by Pat Rumrill. Adjourned at 5:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Rumrill

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Susan Pollender

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Joseph Gurdak

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Leslie Boyle

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Heather Tucker