

Minutes of the
Ludlow Recreation Committee
January 11, 2012

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

Comments from Citizens:

- None

Director's Report:

- The basketball program is going well. There is still discussion that the season is too long. We have good coaching at all levels.
- Hockey is also going very well with no issues reported. They meet Wednesdays and Sundays with Gary Boyle as the coach. Team jerseys will be handed out tonight and must be returned at the end of the season.
- Volleyball has been postponed for two weeks due to high school practice and schoolboard meetings. Attendance at Volleyball has been minimal.
- Winter walking has been well attended
- Bone Builders will start on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00. This is a great program for our older community.
- Howie accomplished quite a bit this month. He has been attending the selectboard meetings and working on a new job description for the new hire. It was decided that we would not be hiring a full time person but looking to change the custodial position hours. From the end of November to April those hours would be 2:00-10:00p.m. then 7:00-3:00 April through November. Hiring a part time assistant for 30 hours week with no benefits that would offset those hours working on field maintenance/prep, help supervise with afterschool program and summer rec program etc.
- Should we charge admission to elementary basketball games? Maybe do some concessions? We will talk about this at the next meeting for implementation for the next season.

Old Business:

- Bruce Schmidt, selectmen, wants us to look at the possibility of putting soccer fields at the Little League Fields. Parking would be an issue and only two fields would fit down there. Currently at Fletcher Fields Howie can make 5 fields for grades K-4. It is the recommendation of the Recreation board that we keep the soccer fields at Fletcher Fields.
- Little League and softball will need to be combined with Cavendish this year. Howie is thinking of practices at Fletcher Fields with games on Saturdays and Sundays at Dorsey. Both Ludlow and Cavendish Fields need extensive work due to the flood in August.

New Business:

- Howie is continuing to work on the new position. This position is contingent upon the budget passing.
- Howie would like to reduce the summer staff and also have a formal hiring process to include the Board helping with the interviewing. Summer staff needs to be 18 years old unless they worked last year and they would be grandfathered in for this year after the interview process.
- Sue asked Howie to check on any terms ending for board members. He will report back to us next meeting.

Next Meeting:

- WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2012 at 5:00p.m.

Joe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:35pm. With a second from Pat the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Rumrill
Acting Secretary

Susan Pollender

Joseph Gurdak

Pamela O'Neil

Julie Ficken