

Ludlow Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:09p.m.

Members present: Sue Pollender, Joe Gurdak, Patricia Rumrill, Howie Paul, Leslie Boyle, Heather Tucker

New appointments were made:

Sue Pollender – President

Leslie Boyle – Vice President

Heather Tucker – Secretary

Comments From Citizens

There was discussion of communicating among committee members about meeting time, place, and cancellation of the West Hill Forum. Howie will submit information for advertising the West Hill Public Forum. There was also discussion about Little League banners, score board, new business sponsors, and grill.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April Meeting were approved. The board did not meet in May due to sport conflicts and unavailability of committee members.

Director's Report

See attached

Old Business

West Hill: the town was able to acquire a permit to destroy the geese eggs. There are also issues with the valve and drainage systems, so the reservoir will be drained, dredged, and at the same time rebuild the beach with the silt. The facilities are all in decent shape.

New Business

Patti from Streetscapes stopped in to inform us about the July 4th celebration up at West Hill. They raised \$6500 and Atlas will be putting on the fireworks show on Friday, July 3rd. There will be a gun salute and Chris Kleeman will be performing. Spectators are shuttled to West Hill from the Blue lot.

The rain date is Sunday, July 5th.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 7th at 5p.m. The meeting will be at West Hill inviting the public to attend.

5:00-5:30 Hot Dogs and burgers

5:30- 6:30 Public Forum

6:30-7:00 Recreation Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01. Patricia Rumrill motioned to adjourn, Joe Gurdak seconded.

Susan Pollender

Joseph Gurdak

Patricia Rumrill

Leslie Boyle

Heather Tucker

* Respectfully submitted,

Heather Tucker, Secretary

Ludlow Recreation Department June Directors Report

Bone Builders: This senior citizen program ended May 28th for the summer and will resume September 7th under the direction of Kay O'Hare and the Counsel on Aging.

Open Gym: The community center continues to be busy with open gym activities even with the warm weather. The busy times for this are between 2:30pm and 4:30pm We still have a number of kids shooting baskets or playing pick up games.

Volleyball: Adult Volleyball is going strong. The average attendance for this program is 8 for the month of May. My guess is that with the addition of a co-ed softball league this program may be done until August.

Fitness Center: The fitness Center is open Monday – Friday 7:00am – 8:00pm. Town employees may utilize the fitness center free of charge as part of the Towns health incentive program.

Little League: Little League baseball and softball is winding down. Towards the end of the season we had a difficult time fielding a team for our 9/10 baseball program. After numerous calls to Dektronics and a lot of trouble shooting they finally sent a technician out to diagnose our problem. One of the plastic conduits had been cracked allowing water into the wires. They set us up with a temporary fix for the remainder of the season until our maintenance staff can blow out the pipe and pull new wire through.

Black River Rugby: The Rugby season opened on April 25th with a home game played at Fletcher fields. The team made up of local college kids will play throughout the summer while practicing and playing home games at Fletcher Fields.

Community Center Rentals: The month of May has seen a number of rentals at the Community Center ranging from organizational meetings to the home and garden show. Everyone who uses this facility comments on how wonderful the space is and the cleanliness of it, especially the rest rooms.

Co-ed Softball: We were very close to not having a league this year. At the last minute we ended up with four teams, enough to have a league. The league will play on Monday and Thursday nights at Dorsey Park and each team will play a 12 game schedule beginning June 22nd and ending on August 6th.

Summer Youth Camp: The staff is in place and we are looking forward to another great summer. I am expecting our attendance to be between 40 and 50 kids per day. The camp will run Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm for seven consecutive weeks beginning June 22nd.

Babe Ruth Baseball: This was a year that Chester was going to send Babe Ruth Players to Ludlow and we were sending our Legion players to Chester. Unfortunately, Chester was unable to put together a Legion team and instead formed their own Babe Ruth Team. We were unable to form a Babe Ruth team on our own. A few things factored into this, the fact that the league played every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 8 weeks was too much of a commitment for some. Others wanted a break from the long varsity baseball season. We have talked to several of the kids about playing pick up on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the interest level in that is very high. This Program will begin in July and run through August.

Southern Vermont Tennis League: This league was formed two years ago and is under the direction of Willie Kennedy. Matches are played Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and Thursday evenings at Dorsey Park. In case of inclement weather the league has arraigned to use the ice house at Jackson Gore.

Play Grounds: The play grounds at Dorsey Park and the Little League Field have been filled with wood chips as per State law. We have also removed the old wooden fence around the Dorsey Park play ground and replaced it with a new chain link fence.



Howard Paul,
Director, Parks and Recreation