

Ludlow Recreation Committee  
Minutes  
May 8, 2018

Present: Sue Pollender, Joe Gurdak, Heather Tucker, Leslie Boyle, Pat Rumrill, Scott Murphy, Nick Miele

Citizens: Georgia Brehm, Vanessa White, Melissa Perrino, Marissa Selleck, Ryan Burns

Call to Order: 5:00pm

Comments from Citizens:

- Venissa White asked about staffing for the summer program and how the hiring process was going. There will be an ad in the paper looking for 2-3 counselors over the age of 18.
- Melissa Perrino was in to ask about little league opening day vs. the fishing derby that the Rod and Gun club does each year. This year they seem to be on the same day and she was concerned about kids needing to make a choice. Pat noted that opening day has consistently been the Saturday of Mother's Day Weekend for the past several years. Nick will call the Rod & Gun Club to talk to them about it.
- Ryan asked about the field conditions at Fletcher Fields. Is there money in the budget for gray clay? Ryan volunteered to get people to spread out the clay if it could be dropped off. Nick will take care of this.
- The scoreboard at the Little League is not working. The wires got cut by the mower. We will need to get an electrician for a repairs estimate.
- Melissa mentioned that T-ball scheduling has been very difficult with all the other teams that need to practice. Nick has set up a Google Doc for coaches to use for practice schedules and games. He will make sure to share this document with all coaches.
- Opening Day reminders went out to LES and Mt Holly about the opening day schedule. Leslie will fill the concession stand by Friday. We are hopeful that parents will help grill and be in the booth on that day. We will encourage the coaches and parents to open the concession stand during games. Coaches all have keys to the bathrooms and equipment rooms. Nick is discouraging the coaches from keeping equipment at the field due to the lack of room and a mouse issue.
- Marissa asked about the possibility of re-utilizing the space at West Hill. This has been talked about in past meetings. We still have an issue with geese and there is also a water issue. It would be nice to get the kids off of the school property for the summer. The building at West Hill needs extensive repair including the bathrooms. Money is an issue. This has also been on the minds of the Select Board. We will put West Hill on the agenda for the June meeting.
- Melissa asked about how people can be added to the Ludlow Recreation Board. Sue Pollender explained that there are 5 seats and each of the members have different terms. Some are 3 years, 2 years and 1 year. These are listed on the town's website and if anyone would like to join when the terms are expiring (in March), they can send a letter of intent to the town manager to be considered for a position.

Approval of Minutes:

- Joe made a motion to approve the minutes as written. With a second from Leslie and no discussion, minutes were approved.

Director's Report:

- Little league started this week and will continue through May. May 12th is Opening Day with the lineup for the parade at 8:30 at Bensons. Step off time is 9:00; photos at 9:30. Photo packets will be given to all coaches prior to Saturday. Fields being used that day are the Little League fields on Pleasant Street and Dorsey Park.
- Dorsey is getting dragged, lined and raked. Will be lined with chalk/paint.
- Checking on the sprinkler system as the field is too dry. Sprinklers to be turned on by Friday.
- There is a small list of available umpires to choose from. Getting them scheduled now for future games.
- Summer Camp Schedule update: field trips on Friday, moving lunch to noon. A camp director is needed along with 2 or 3 counselors. Will submit ads to paper by Friday for counselors over the age of 18. Summer brochure will be sent to the elementary schools ASAP. Leslie will help with this.

- Nick would like to ask Scott if there is any money in the budget for an assistant. The committee is encouraging Nick to use his office people in the afternoon to help with paperwork, i.e. putting ads in paper, updating facebook, making flyers etc.
- There has been two people in the weight room consistently using the equipment. There is a treadmill that needs to be serviced. Nick will make sure that the equipment is covered under liability insurance and that all equipment is working properly and spaced out correctly. He would like to have a personal trainer come in to show people how to use the machines.

Old Business:

- Would like to sit down with Terry from Cavendish to get the Dog Park underway. Invite Sharon Bixby from Fletcher Fields to join us. Next meeting we will set up a time to meet.

New Business:

- Tractor needs a new drag. Ok for now but something to look into in the near future.
- Nick would like to inventory all equipment in all buildings so he knows what is here. We encourage Nick to use any junior counselors he might have this summer to help with this project.
- Leslie would like to encourage communication with all the coaches.
- July 4th: Imerys Talc will be providing the fireworks. Nick to schedule bussing from the sand pit to West Hill. Possibly asking Rotary to providing hot dogs as they have in the past.
- Concert Series Sundays on the Green - Nick to find out who has already been scheduled. Check with Chris Kleeman

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, June 12th at 4:30pm in the Community Center. Earlier start time due to high school sports banquet starting at 6:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned: Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08pm. With a second from Leslie, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rumrill  
Secretary

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Susan Pollender

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Joseph Gurdak

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Heather Tucker

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Leslie Boyle