

Ludlow Recreation Committee
Minutes of
January 5, 2011

Present: Sue Pollender, Howard Paul, Pat Rumrill, Joe Gurdak, Pam O'Neil

Comments:

- Many compliments regarding the new Community Center.
- Howie has been working 72/hr work weeks. Can we get him some help on the weekends to reduce his house? Howie feels that by the end of the month he'll have a better understanding on how the building is being used. If his hours don't correct themselves by the end of the month we will revisit this issue at the next meeting. Howie will keep track of his hours from now until the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

- Pam made a motion to approve the minutes of November. With a second from Joe, the minutes were approved.

Director's Report:

- Ballroom dancing moved out of the Town Hall but is now back. This is the best space for this program. It does take quite a bit of time to take the stadium seating out each week. They have agreed to take out the first section of the seats which will leave half of the gym for dancing.
- The afterschool program was very successful in the first two sessions with an average attendance of 32.
- Teen open gym basketball went very well with 23 participants. Kids from other states dropped in to play which went smoothly.
- 30 and over basketball numbers are dropping. It was during the holiday so it might pick up again soon.
- Men's indoor soccer has an average of 20 weekly participants. This is held from 12:00-2:00 on Sundays.
- 5/6 basketball is going well. The girls have 14 participants which they have broken up into two teams. The boys also split into 2 teams with 3 core kids participating in each game. The boys are currently having a winning season!
- K-2 basketball is being held on Saturday mornings. Some parents felt that it was too long of a time (1.5 hours). Coaches told the parents that they may take the children after 1 hour or they can stay for the full time. This seems to be working well.
- Yoga is moving to the cafeteria from the town hall.
- Zumba has been a big hit here in Ludlow. An additional class will start on Saturday, Jan. 15th at 4:00p.m.
- The fitness center has had a lot of use since we opened.

Old Business:

- The dog park has been taken out of the proposed budget. The reason being that Ludlow is the only one funding this project but it will be used by neighboring towns. Howie and Sue will fill out an application for the Enterprise Fund for \$7,000. The Enterprise Fund

will be meeting in early spring which might still allow us enough time to get the park up and running by summer if the application is approved.

New Business:

- Selectboard has asked us for a breakdown on our rates for the Community Center, specifically residents vs. non-resident rates. Right now only the summer program is separated that way. Everyone pays one fee for all sports programs as we were using the Mt Holly gym as part of the basketball program. Without the Mt Holly kids Ludlow would not have enough to field teams. Now that the new Community Center is up and running, the selectboard is asking us to visit the possibility of charging more for out of town participants. The Recreation Board would like to suggest that the Town of Mt Holly contribute to our program and not the individual families. Howie is working with Craig Hutt Vater on this. Howie will explore options for the town fee.
- Fitness center rates are \$7/per day; \$30/month per adult; \$15/month for high school students; \$20/month for Ludlow college students.
- We need to look at increasing our fees for some programs to make them self-sustaining. We brought in only \$4,000 and spent \$8,000 just in umpires (summer soccer). Howie will get a list of fees for the next meeting.
- The selectboard is curious regarding coaching and referee fees. We play 65 games of soccer/baseball and basketball @\$40/per game. We would like to invite the selectboard to our next meeting to find out what direction they would like us to be going in.
- Is the boys Varsity Baseball team getting new uniforms this year? It has been approximately 10 years since the last uniforms have been purchased. Howie did have a conversation with the AD at the high school. We are concerned that they need to be ordered soon so that they will arrive in time for baseball season.
- Ski Jackets are also being looked at for the ski team.
- Howie will check on term letters to see who will be up for renewal.

Next Meeting: February 3, 2011 5:00p.m. at the Community Center

Meeting Adjourned:

- Pam made a motion to adjourn at 6:13. With a second from Joe, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rumrill, Secretary

Susan Pollender

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Joseph Gurdak