

# Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of

May 9th, 2023

Present: Nick Miele, Marissa Selleck, Pat Gray, Scott Baitz

Community Members: Charlie Rimer, Chris Hurka, Mariel Meringolo

Call to order 5:20 p.m.

April minutes to be approved in June Meeting

Comments from citizens: none

Directors' reports:

- Green Up Day had a fantastic turnout with about 100 volunteers and the BBQ was a great touch. Everyone was extremely impressed with the event.
- Community Center continues to be popular with volleyball, basketball and pickleball
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Old business:

- Mt. Bike Park update:
  - Nick explained that the trail construction started May 4th and the project will take a month.
  - Charlie: LAST (Ludlow Area Sports Trails) will receive additional money to add to the park 5-8k
  - Scott Baitz: from where?
  - Charlie: local organizations- Boot Pro, Rotary and Cavendish
  - Mariel asked about the process of expanding the trails with the additional fundraising money
  - Scott B.-Believes they should move forward
  - Charlie, Mariel and Chris will reach out to KSA Built and see if he can work it into his schedule
  - Charlie- rotary likes to be involved with local projects
  - Charlie- If Rosey needs lumber to build a few more bridges then we should talk with LaValley's for a potential donation
  - Chris Hurka- mentioned that hemlock is preferred over pressure treated
  - Scott Baitz said Gilcris Enterprises is cutting hemlock and can make it any dimensions
  - Chris Hurka spoke with Rosey and he is planning to build about two more bridges
  - Mariel wondering about signs for the entrance and QR code
  - Charlie mentioned that building new signs, looking to get QR Code
  - Mariel- thinking about rules, sponsors, and QR Code that would lead to map

- Scott Baitz wanted to make sure ACT 250 would not prohibit the expansion of the trails.
  - Nick believed Scott Murphy looked into act 250
- Nick talked with Brendan about a separate issue regarding a purchasing policy and there could be an exception made
- Chris Hurka brought up the need for parking and signage
- Charlie- concern about the entrance and parking when school is in secession
- Nick asked about the location of the park entrance
- Charlie explained the entrance would be back out behind the baseball field
  - Put sign and direct people to park by Okemo Valley TV
  - Looking for nice signs
    - Okemo sign shop
- Charlie- Grand opening – Goodman’s could be there
- Chris Hurka- Explaining that this is just the beginning and show how the park will grow
- Charlie- LAST is reorganizing- Charlie is the ‘President, Hanna is the secretary, trying to reorganizing. They are opening meetings. Everyone seems more focused on the back 40.
- Charlie-talked with Kyle and he mentioned VMBA donated trail tools. Also, With FOX and to get more trail tools. This will help organize volunteer days
  - Talk with Rosey on how to maintain the trials once the park is finished.
- Nick Make sure we have and emergency management trials
  - Charlie trials at Fletcher to be built by volunteers- working with EMS to develop plan
- Charlie- a volunteer week- Mid week and Saturday to keep trails maintained
- Mariel- mentioned that there is wood by black ridge that we can look at it. Lot of options to develop a cool entrance

#### West Hill Dredging/ sand update

- Nick- I reached out to Lewco LLC and they plan to start in late May.
  - Ironing out the details on lowering the water
- Scott B. he will need to give us a definite day
- Nick we can meet with him to double check the sand
- Scott we will be happy with beach sand
- Marissa asked about water testing
  - We think it is twice a year
- Mariel- Okemo tests it regular to push people to it.
- Marissa asked about volunteer day
  - Nick nothing is planned

#### Skate Park Update:

- Charlie-They are doing work
- Marissa asked about grant money
- Nick said no
- Scott is trying to make sense of it
- Nick explained reimbursable grant
- Scott-not how we understood it
- Nick explained it how the process worked
- Everyone asked why this is like that
- Scott Baitz asked about where the money was supposed to come from when you are bled dry
- Charlie end goal is a bike path besides bike parks
  - Flood plains are the issue

- Nick believes that once my budget is out it could be out of the general fund
- Scott was asking where we are submitting
- Marissa asked when the first reimbursement was submitted
- Nick said Early March
- Still haven't been paid
- Scott was asking about who to reach out to make sure we get reimbursed.
- Nick about trees- lights about Brett
- Marissa asked about signs- letting people know that the park is closed
- Justin signed
- Scott asked about looking about it
- Cameras that are cheap- Scott cameras are cheap
  - Better options from Countryside
    - Charlie-we have great ones at the shop
- Scott Baitz said Luke would be a better option and cheaper.

Summer events:

- 4th of July:
  - Updated where we were
  - Scott thought we were all set with the event
    - Last to have a tent if possible
    - Bunch of ideas
- Summer concert series
  - All Planned and will be at Veteran's Memorial Park
- Summer softball
  - 5 teams
    - Should be exciting year
    - Start the 12th of June
    - Extend the season through august
    - Double elimination is better than three game series
- Fundraising ideas- tabled to next meeting

Next meeting 6/13/23

Motion made by Scott Baitz with a second from Pat Gray. Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.  
Next Regular Meeting:

- May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 in Community Center
- Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Baitz with a second from Marissa. Meeting was adjourned at 6:04

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Miele/ Parks and Rec director

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Marissa Selleck/Chair

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Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

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Joe Gurdak

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Patrick Gray

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Frank Provance