

**Ludlow Recreation  
Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 13th, 2023  
5pm  
Ludlow Community Center  
Preliminary Minutes**

Present: Nick Miele, Marissa Selleck, Scott Baitz, Pat Gray, Frank Provance, Jean Strong and Joe Gurdak

Call to order 5:08 p.m.

**Comments from Citizens:**

- Jean Strong wanted to see what is going on.

**Approval of Minutes: 1/9/24**

- January minutes. Motion made by Pat Gray second by Joe Gurdak. Motion passed unanimously.

**Director's Report**

**Youth Basketball:** The youth basketball teams finished up in the middle of February, with the 5/6 boys and girls teams participating in post season tournaments. During President's week we hosted 4-team boys and girls tournament and our boys team won a thriller to advance to the championship game. After the tournament we set our sights on the March Mayhem tournament in Flood Brook. The younger teams are finishing up their season with a pizza party.

**Youth Baseball and Softball:** The registration for the youth baseball and softball season is available and we are working with the Cavendish recreation department to have one registration. This will allow us to break teams up more efficiently because we lost fields due to the flooding. We plan to use Fletcher, Dorsey and even Mt. Holly for practices and some games. In the next few weeks, we will go over the equipment and be ready for the season.

**Old Business:**

**-Dog Park**

- Nick update the committee on the status of the park. The goal is to clean up the park to the original state.
- Scott Baitz asked about putting additional trees on the uphill side.
- Jean mentioned that 2 trees are ok and also would like one of the lilac bushes from the Little League field to the dog park.

**- Dorsey Park Playground**

- Nick updated the committee on where we stand to the playground.

- Scott Baitz suggested that the committee looks into pricing out a few pieces of equipment to improve the park.

### **- Little League Field/ HS Baseball Field**

- The Little League season will be a bit different as the fields were destroyed by the flooding.
- Nick explained the plan to work with Cavendish rec in order to have one registration to allow the departments to break teams up easier.
- Frank asked about Greven.
- Nick was not sure where the process was with that field.
  - Right now, for all sports we are combining anyways this will just speed up the process.
- The plan for the season is to use Fletcher Field for tee ball and coach pitch. Dorsey will be utilized for baseball and softball after the town purchases a portable mound. We will also use Mt. Holly for practice.
- As of right now the town will not change Pullinen Field yet because of money and there is too tight of a deadline before the season starts. The best time to upgrade the field is in late August.
- Nick will have a better idea on the season for the March meeting.

### **-Winter Activities**

- Nick updated the committee on the upcoming events
  - President's week tournament where we will host a boys and girls tournament and run concessions.
  - During vacation week we are also hosting a baseball and softball clinic.
  - The annual easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 6<sup>th</sup> around 10am. We will have guessing jars and games.
  - Green Up Day is May 4<sup>th</sup> this year and there is an opportunity for volunteers to be in the Guinness Book of World Records for volunteers that clean up on Route 100. This Route spans the entire state. Nick is looking to involve more businesses and make sure he understands how this year will run.

### **New Business**

#### **-Community Center Rental Fee Discussion**

- Nick wanted to bring this to the committee's attention because the rental fees are low. There is also an understanding that the space is for the community and wants it to be available.
- Scott Baitz suggested that weekend rentals should take place after 3 pm to allow the facility to be used for open gym.
- Frank suggested that we do some research with other organizations and see what other spaces are charging.

#### **-ARPA Funding**

- Nick mentioned that the town has to send the ARPA money which is from the COVID relief. There are guidelines on what the money can be spent on and it would have to use by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Nick wanted to start the discussion early and get ideas out there I so we can be prepared to present ideas. Possible ideas are developing the Little League Field into a flood resistant park with pickleball and basketball courts, a walking path and a outdoor fitness area. The idea behind this is to develop the park so if it does flood again, we will not lose everything. Other ideas are the Dog Park, tennis courts and mountain bike trails.

- Everyone was in agreement with the ideas and would like to bring them to the selectboard.

- Jean asked if the funds had to be spent or allocated by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Nick and Scott did not know the answer.

- Nick will let everyone know when the funds will be discussed.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Joe Gurdak with a second from Pat Gray. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next Regular Meeting:

- March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 in Community Center

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Miele/ Parks and Rec director

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Marissa Selleck/Chair

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Joe Gurdak

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Frank Provance

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Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

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Patrick Gray

