

Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of

November 8, 2022

Present: Nick Miele, Jeannie Stasz, Scott Baitz, Marissa Selleck, Joe Gurdak

Community member: Gary Blodgett

Call to order at 5:12 p.m.

Comments from Citizens:

- Jeannie mentioned that John Denner contacted her for the hours that the community center is open, he would like to organize an indoor pickleball schedule. Gary Blodgett commented that the dog park continues to remain clean. Gary suggested that now that the dog park will be open this winter, and the entrance plowed, the possibility of creating a track plowed for snowshoeing, cross country skiing, etc. would be a nice winter option. Gary also suggested that we ask Bruce if Vail is willing to give local residents a discount at the skate house. Marissa is attending the OVRCC mixer being held at Okemo on 11/09/22 and hopes to ask Vail at that time.

Approval of Minutes:

- Scott B. made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, Jeannie 2nd the motion. Scott mentioned he wasn't in agreement on the time frame of sending out the RFP's for the dredging of West Hill (per minutes) and was going to talk to Scott Murphy in the morning, also will ask Scott for an update on the ditches for West Hill.

Director's Report:

- The haunted house was a suggest with over 193 screaming people participating.
- Youth soccer season has finished with youth basketball registration coming available online by next week.
- The 3rd annual scarecrow contest took place with over 15 entries, voting on line was implemented this year. Next year we need to work on the registration and voting method to limit confusion.
- Nick attended a two-day conference at the Vt. Parks and Recreation and took away a few ideas to improve the department in the future. One being a checklist to compare how important projects are to the community and another important idea, to develop

a capital facilities list to plan on projects and understanding when a project would need to be repaired and replaced.

Old Business:

- Skate Park: The plan is to demo the park this fall, cost to be \$15,000.00. Nick distributed a propose plan for the park, which the committee made many recommendations. The committee agreed that the park cost should not exceed \$225.000, this would include the design and completion of park.
- Signs and QR codes to be more informative, also suggested that we have a donation box located at the community center.

New Business:

- At the November meeting the Selectboard decided on the KSA Built proposal for the building of the mountain bike park, cost to be \$21,450.00 and will be completed by May 31, 2023.
- Nick has completed a capital facilities plan going out 16 years...
- Turkey trot to take place on Thanksgiving with donations going to Black River/Good Neighbor,
- Scott B. reminded Nick to order the “free” fish from the state.

Next Regular Meeting:

- December 13th at 5:00 in Community Center
- Motion to adjourn was made by Scott B. with a second from Jeannie. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Stasz/Clerk

Marissa Selleck/Chair

Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

Joe Gurdak

Patrick Gray