

Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of
July 12, 2022

Present: Nick Miele, Jeannie Stasz, Joe Gurdak, Marissa Selleck, Patrick Gray (Scott Murphy via phone)

Community member: Kyle Cleveland

Call to order at 5: 37 p.m.

Comments from Citizens:

- None

Approval of Minutes:

- Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, Marissa 2nd the motion.

Director's Report:

- Ludlow Youth Baseball and Softball season is reaching its final days. This year Ludlow hosted the Valley Youth League softball championship at Dorsey Park under the lights on June 21st. Our Ludlow/Chester Babe Ruth team kicked off their season on June 16th and have about 15 games scheduled through the end of July.
- Summer concert series kicked off on July 3rd at Veteran's Memorial Park and will continue through August 14th
- 4th of July fireworks were launched at the Sugar House on Okemo which provided a good viewing for many people. We look forward to returning the 4th of July festivities back to West Hill next year.
- The Ludlow Garden Club provided all the flowers on the bridges as well as the hanging baskets. The recreation department purchased a new water cart to keep the flowers watered throughout these warm and dry days of summer.
- Dorsey Park has seen many improvements, the natural grass turf has been topdressed with compost, fertilized, overseeded, core aerated and post emergent in order to keep the turf looking good and playing well, as we look forward to our fall sports. Pickleball lines will get painted on the current tennis courts at Dorsey Park in

August when the tennis courts get pressure washed and cracks repaired. Skateboard camp is being held this week.

- Old Business:
- Scott Murphy gave us an update on the dredging and sanding on West Hill, unfortunately we only received one RFP and that was for \$57,000, more than twice what we had budgeted for. Scott recommended that we hold off until next year when hopefully costs will come down and we receive more RFP's.
- Mountain Bike Park application was submitted to the DRB for their July 11th zoom meeting, Kyle Cleveland felt confident that the meeting went well. The DRB will have a meeting soon on their decision. Being so late in the season to start the project, all agreed to wait until next spring, which would give us more time to fundraise.
- Skate Park project is on hold pending receiving the VOREC grant.
- New Business: Nick wants us to come back next month with the projects that we want to submit in our 2024 budget. West Hill, Mtn. Bike Park, Skate Park, Dorsey Park would all come out of the Capital Funds. Nick would like us to prioritize our projects.
- Up Coming Events: Spoke briefly on the upcoming events, Scarecrow Contest, Halloween Trunk or Treat, Turkey Trot, Gingerbread House Contest, and Winter Festival. We will decide on dates for these upcoming events at our August meeting.
- Marissa suggested we may want to have a booth at the upcoming Chamber event to be held August 20th-21st.

Next Regular Meeting

August 9th at 5:30 in the Community Center

- Motion to adjourn was made by Marissa, with a second from Jeannie. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Stasz/Clerk

Marissa Selleck/Chair

Joe Gurdak

Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

Patrick Gray