

**Ludlow Recreation
Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 9th, 2024
5pm
Ludlow Community Center**

Agenda

Present: Nick Miele, Marissa Selleck, Scott Baitz, Joe Gurdak, Zoe Trimboli, Mike Normile and Pat Gray

Call to order 5:00 p.m.

Comments from Citizens

- None

Approval of Minutes: 03/12/2024

- April minutes. Motion made by Scott Baitz, second by Frank Provance. Motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report

- Ludlow's Fireworks: The fireworks on July 5th at Okemo were extremely busy. There were people from C building to the magic carpet and from B-building to AB archway. This event had easily over 2000 people. The food vendors were busy all night and Rustie Bus was fantastic. After doing food for a second year, it felt that we put a lot of work in and made little revenue. I am certainly on the fence about doing food again and it maybe easier to get another food truck than try and do our burgers and dogs. I would certainly move the 4th of July items to a different location that way it sees more foot traffic.
- Summer Baseball: Summer baseball is in full swing as the Legion and babe ruth seasons are underway. I have been working with the coaches to maintain the field and keep the field looking great.

Old Business:

-Dorsey Playground:

- Nick presented the committee with a design for the playground at Dorsey.
 - The presentation included the cost of the entire project which was around 136K.
 - Zoe pointed out that the basket swing is a good idea and can fit a lot of kids, however there were issues with it being damaged without proper supervision.
 - Nick advised that we could make the playground smaller and go with just a 2-bay swing.
 - Nick brought up different pieces of equipment that would make the area look a lot better and the kids would have more fun.
 - Scott Baitz was wondering about the surfacing cost and Nick mentioned that a company in New London would have it a significant lower cost.
 - Nick suggested that we could do the park in phases however the consensus with the board was that we only get to do this project once.

- Nick took the feedback from the board and will go back to his playground designer to make the playground look better. As soon as he has updated figures, he will send them out.

New Business:

- Zoe wanted to discuss fall sports and want to let Nick know that she received some feedback from parents about the number of games scheduled and having later away games.
 - Nick mentioned that once we get to august, we can discuss the fall season and figure out the best way to break the teams up.

Adjournment

Motion made by Scott Baitz with a second from Pat Gray. Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Next Regular Meeting:

- August 13th at 5:00 pm in Community Center

Respectfully submitted,
Nick Miele/ Parks and Rec director

Marissa Selleck/Chair

Joe Gurdak

Frank Provance

Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

Patrick Gray

Zoe Trimboli