

Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of

January 10, 2023

Present: Nick Miele, Jeannie Stasz, Scott Baitz, Marissa Selleck, Patrick Gray

Community member: None

Call to order at 5:04 p.m.

Comments from Citizens:

- None

Approval of Minutes:

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

Director's Report:

- Youth basketball is underway, with over 45 participants, including Mt. Holly. The season is back to normal with no restrictions for fans or concessions. Bleachers have been moved to hold more people.
- Community Center use continues to be high, with participants utilizing the fitness room, playing pickleball, and participating during the open gym period. Adult soccer and basketball continue to draw many players. Many community members have inquired about extending the community center hours, unfortunately, the recreation department's budget is not equipped to hire another staff member.
- Black River Good Neighbors continue to host a free community meal on the first Thursday of the month. The meals have been very successful, serving between 80 and 100 community members.
- The holiday light display this year was definitely increased from previous years, adding pixel arches, five new songs, even the tank lights were animated with the music. The light display was enjoyed by many spectators

Old Business:

- Skate Park: Received three RFPs for the construction of the skate board park, Select Board were to vote on one at their January 9th meeting, however, due to many discrepancies, the board did not accept any bids.

- West Hill: Nick will meet with Scott to remind him to send out the RFPs for the dredging and sand for West Hill.
- Dorsey Park playground is currently on hold pending finding out the town's purchasing policy, if RFPs have to be sent out.

New Business:

- Basketball season will end the week of February 13th, with tournaments starting on the first week of March. Marissa suggested that we may want to reach out to The Harlem Globetrotter's organization as a possible fundraiser.
- Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 1st with a possibility of having a pancake breakfast. Further discussion at the following meetings.
- Green Up Day: Scheduled for May 6th, along with opening day. Nick is to look into batting cage net system for our current batting cage, which is in need of replacement
- The Fishing Derby at West Hill has been scheduled for June 3, 2023 with a rain date of June 4th, depending on when the state stocks the pond.
- July Fireworks: Committee agreed that we would like to see the fireworks at West Hill, however, we need to raise between \$2,000 and \$3,000 for busing. Nick is to contact the Chamber, Rotary, and American Legion for possible donations.

Next Regular Meeting:

- February 14th at 5:00 in Community Center
- Motion to adjourn was made by Jeannie with a second from Marissa. Meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Stasz/Clerk

Marissa Selleck/Chair

Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

Joe Gurdak

Patrick Gray

