

Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of April 13, 2011

Present: Howard Paul, Pat Rumrill, Sue Pollender, Julie Ficken, Pam O'Neil

Guests: Bruce Schmidt, Doug Ficken

Call to order at 5:30p.m. Welcome to Julie Ficken, the newest member of our board. Julie is replacing Marcia Dockum who has served on the board for the last 12 years. She was instrumental in organizing the skate park. Howie will explore ways to thank her.

Comments:

- The roof on the old tank barn is very white and you cannot see a baseball from the pitcher's mound. Frank Heald says he will build a wall on the outside of the fence. This is a safety issue as there is a glare in the batter's eye. The roof is extremely white and shiny. Howie will talk to LaValley's to see if they will donate the lumber in exchange for a LaValley's sign on the wall.
- Roof on the dug out at the Little League field has peeled back. Howie will take care of this.

Approval of Minutes:

- Postponed until next meeting.

Director's Report:

- 99% of the scheduling is done for Little League. Numbers are down this year. We will have 1 - 11/12 year old team, 2-9/10 year old teams, 1-5/6 grade softball team, and 3 T-ball teams. No grade 3/4 softball team this year. There will be one team in Mt Holly, 1 in Ludlow and 1 that will be combined. It has been difficult finding coaches this year. Parents were asked at registration but no one has stepped up. Opening day will be on May 14th with a rain date of Sunday the 15th. Cavendish's opening day is on April 30th.
- Green Up day is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th.
- Volleyball: This sport gets bigger and bigger each week with all ages participating. There are 2 to 3 teams each week.

Old Business:

- Fees for the summer brochure have not been adjusted in a long time. The brochure is ready to print and the committee would like to see the fees adjusted. Two members of the selectboard were on hand to talk about the fee. Summer Rec program also includes two snacks and a hot lunch. Currently the summer program is not self-sustaining. A number of scholarships have been given away. Talked about possible daily fees vs. weekly fees. This would not affect staffing. Ludlow is currently under other summer camp fees in the area. Springfield is now over \$100 per week per child. This summer the 21st Century Grant enables us to do an educational portion in the morning, 8:30-12:00 held at the Community Center. They will provide instructors and the rec staff will supervise. After lunch will be more summer activities. This schedule has been in place

for three years and is going well. The fee increase should be gradual each year and not a big amount all at once.

Bruce Schmidt feels that the summer rec program should not be run as a profit; that fees should be kept low.

Ludlow supports this program and feels that non-residents need more of a difference in the fees. This winter the basketball program was a flat fee whether you were a resident or a nonresident.

It was proposed that the summer recreation program be increased to: Resident: \$60
Non-resident: \$85 with a daily use fee of \$20 for either resident or non-resident. A motion was made by Pam and with a second from Pat the motion was approved.

A motion to increase other programs by 10% was made. After discussion it was decided to increase all other programs by a flat \$5.00 fee. Motion approved.

- It was asked, "What is the vision/direction Recreation wants to go?" "Is there a mission Statement"? It was suggested that maybe a select board member could come to our monthly meetings.
- Dog Park: The two members of the select board strongly suggested that the Recreation board come to a meeting to "sell" the dog park. It was felt by both Bruce and Doug that the select board does not have enough information which is why the funding did not get approved.

New Business:

- Next meeting will be the reorganization of officers meeting.

Next Meeting: May 12, 2011 5:00p.m. at the Community Center

Meeting Adjourned:

- Pat made a motion to adjourn at 6:50. With a second from Pam, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rumrill, Secretary

Susan Pollender

Julie Ficken

Pamela O'Neil

Joseph Gurdak