

**Ludlow Recreation  
Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, May 14th, 2024  
5pm  
Ludlow Community Center**

**Agenda**

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

**Comments from Citizens**

- None

**Approval of Minutes: 04/09/2024**

- April minutes. Motion made by Scott Baitz, second by Joe Gurdak. Motion passed unanimously.

**Director's Report**

**Green Up Day:** We had over 110 volunteers this year which included big groups such as the Lake Rescue Association, Black River Action Team and the Ludlow Snowmobile club. In total we collected over 7000 pounds of roadside trash this year which exceeds last year by more than double.

**Ludlow Youth Baseball:** Opening Day was a great success and made for a long day, but the kids had a great time. A special moment took place for the ceremonial first pitch as Chief Kolenda who is retiring after 25 years as Fire Chief took the mound. I would also like to thank the American Legion Color Guard, the fire departments, LPD, Otis Nelson, coaches and volunteers who made the day a success.

**Business:**

-Dog Park Clean Up Update

- Nick mentioned that the highway department went down to Fletcher and cleaned up the remaining fence.

- Nick mentioned a new development for the dog park is moving it to West Hill instead of Fletcher because the park will have less damage during flooding times.

- Scott also mentioned that if we lose the park again, we may not get the support to rebuild it again. Also, there are more amenities such as walking paths and water.

- Nick showed a possible design for the park and it is about 5000 sqft less than the one at Fletcher which was 35,000 sqft.

- Nick met with Steve from Springfield Fence to review the site and hoping to have numbers at the next meeting. The Select Board wants to move fast on this.

- Mike asked about the bathrooms at West Hill

- Scott explained that someone would have to take care of it.
- Mike likes the idea of the multiuse space for ice skating, basketball and pickleball.
- Zoe asked about using the spillway for a possible location for the park
- Scott mentioned that we did try that first, but part of the parking lot was on the neighbor's lawn.

#### -Community Center Update

- Nick has not received the numbers on moving the weight room from its current location to the Red Room.
- Mike asked about the size difference.
- Nick mentioned that the current room is around 800 sqft and the new space would be 1197 sqft.
- Zoe mentioned that the current space is small and makes everyone claustrophobic
- Nick mentioned moving to the new space would allow us to update the equipment.
- Scott asked about providing access to members that would like to use the space early.
- Nick mentioned that this would be a possibility since there is outside access. This would also allow us to generate more revenue.
- Zoe suggested keeping the cardio equipment in one room and the weights in a separate room.
- Mike asked about use of the Red Room.
- Nick mentioned that it is used about 3 time per year.

#### -Mountain Biking

- Marissa mentioned that the Ludlow Area Sports Trails (LAST) is having a volunteer day on Sunday, May, 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Marissa also mentioned that the grand opening will be on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### -Summer Events

##### -Summer Concerts

- This year there will be 7 concerts starting on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Veteran's Memorial Park.
- The rain venue will be the town hall auditorium.

##### - 4<sup>th</sup> of July

- The fireworks are set for July 5<sup>th</sup> at the Okemo base area.
- This will be a fun event with over 1000 people in attendance.

##### - Coed Softball

- This year we have 7 teams signed up and looking to start June 17<sup>th</sup> and run through mid-August.

##### - Cooking with a chef

- We are excited to offer cooking classes. The first one is Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and the class is full.

- This program was made possible by a Shaws grant.

- After the first cooking class Nick will look and see how it can be improved.

- Movie night

- The grant from Shaws is allowing us to have an outdoor movie night and we are looking at a few locations.

- Zoe suggested using Dorsey as a space for the movie.

- Nick will look into it.

- Possible ARPA Updates

- The Select Board has heard a lot of support for some improvement of the recreation facilities.

- The next discussion will be during the Select Boards normal meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **New Business:**

- Tennis Courts

- o Mike mentioned that there are a few Tennis players that have voiced their frustration, but nothing has been improved. He mentioned that Harry is a retired engineer and is looking into repairing the courts, however the town would have to supply the material since the players are donating their time.

- o Nick mentioned that we would have to receive a scope of work.

- o Mike also mentioned that the pickleball players are frustrated because they have donated \$1,200 and nothing is getting done.

- o Nick mentioned that he will talk with Kevin and see if we can formulate a solution.

**Next Meeting: 06/11/2024**

#### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Scott Baitz with a second from Marissa Selleck. Meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Next Regular Meeting:

- June 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in Community Center

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Miele/ Parks and Rec director

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Marissa Selleck/Chair

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Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

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Joe Gurdak

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Patrick Gray

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Frank Provance

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Zoe Trimboli