

**Ludlow Recreation Committee**  
**Minutes of**  
**September 21, 2021**

**Present: Nick Miele, Jeannie Stasz, Scott Baitz, Marissa Selluck**

**Community member: Chris Hurka, Carl Kennedy, Gary Blodgett**

Call to order at 5:43 p.m.

**Comments from Citizens:**

- Gary Blodgett expressed concerns over the condition of the tennis courts, suggested pressure washing, recoating, repair cracks, reset posts, also requested weed whacking and mowing around the tennis courts not take place while people are playing tennis, flying stones and debris could harm players.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Director's Report:

- Girls Invitational and the Josh Cole soccer tournaments were held with over 500-600 spectators for the girl's tournament and aprox. 600-700 spectators for the Josh Cole tournament. The Green Mountain booster club will be donating \$1000.00 towards future tournaments. Nick officiated 4 games, 2 for the girl's tournament and 2 for the Josh Cole Tournament.
- Rec soccer is underway with over 66 registered.
- Adult softball is finished for the season with DJ's taking the title. Hope to get more teams next year.

**Old Business:**

**Dog Park:**

- Nick presented a letter received from a new resident complementing the dog park and how thrilled they were to have a facility available for their new puppy. New benches were placed in the park, Scott B. donated the materials with Steve Stariknok building them, a big thanks goes out to both Scott and Stan. Okemo Valley TV interviewed Sue and took a video of dogs enjoying the park.

**West Hill:**

- Have not received any information on the Recreational Facilities Grant, Scott B. suggested that we move forward by attending the Selectboard meeting with our propose projects. Next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the town's auditorium.

**Mountain Bike Trail:**

- Chris Hurka and Carl Kennedy recommended a skilled track to start up the mountain bike park, followed by a cross country trail. Chris and Carl will be working on a proposal for this project. A mountain biking sub-committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> in the community center. Marissa will be representing the board on the sub-committee.

**New Business:**

**Fall Events:**

Many events are taking place this fall. Antique Show on October 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> at two locations, community center and Jackson Gore, Harvest Fair, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Expeditionary School, Chili Cookoff, Oct. 9th and our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Scarecrow contest which will start on October 2nd and go thru Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, judging will take place Columbus Day weekend, with 3 categories, scariest, funniest and Vermont’s best representation, and for businesses “Best on Main”. Kathy Burns from WR Vt. Properties has donated 40 standing frames.

Benson’s is holding a truck a treat, will reach out to them to find out if they would prefer using the community center parking lot. Due to the uncertainty of Covid, the committee agreed to wait until our October meeting to discuss Halloween festivities.

Next meeting, we agreed upon discussing New Business prior to Old Business, as we need to discuss next year’s budget and prioritize our projects.

**Next Meeting:**

- Oct. 12th at 5:30 at Community Center

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeannie Stasz, with a second from Scott Baitz. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Stasz/Clerk

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Sue Pollender

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Marissa Selluck/Chair

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Joe Gurdak

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Scott Baitz/Vice Chair