

Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of

December 13, 2022

Present: Nick Miele, Jeannie Stasz, Scott Baitz, Marissa Selleck, Joe Gurdak

Community member: Gary Blodgett, Justin Hyjek

Call to order at 5:08 p.m.

Comments from Citizens:

- Gary Blodgett said that he contacted Vail regarding giving local residents a discounted rate to use the skating facilities at Okemo, he received a reply from David O'Neil that locals would not be receiving a discount, he also emailed Gary with the current rates. Gary suggested the possibility of having our own town skating rink and suggested a couple of locations.
- Justin informed the committee that Smokin' Joes will be occupying the old Neals restaurant and are proposing to put in an ice skating rink. Committee all agreed to watch and see the activity at Smokin' Joes before taking any further action on an ice skating rink.
- Gary also announced that the Fletcher Farm Foundation has agreed to allow a cross country ski trail on their property and Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers Snowmobile Club have agreed to groom and maintain the trail....thank you both.

Approval of Minutes:

- Scott B. made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, Joe 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.
- Adult activity continues to be strong at the community center with participation numbers between 11-18 in both basketball and volleyball. Indoor soccer will begin in December at the Ludlow Elementary gym on Sundays from 12:00 to 3:00.
- The Turkey Trot was a huge success with over 60 participants. The trot raised over \$500.00, along with many donated toys and canned goods all benefiting Black River Good Neighbors.

- The Parks and Recreation Department expanded our Christmas light display in front of the Community Center, including the tank being totally lite up and being pulled by Santa’s reindeer.

Old Business:

- Skate Park: The park has been totally demolished and plans are underway for a 3,050 self-standing park, the cost to be aprox. \$250,000. RFP’s have been sent out.
- West Hill: RFP’s will be sent out soon for the dredging and sand for West Hill with the plan on being completed by June.
- Playground proposal for Dorsey Park has been summited to the Select Board for approval, Scott B. suggested that Nick also submit an alternative plan, less costly, to the board.

New Business:

- The Fishing Derby at West Hill has been scheduled for June 3, 2023 with a rain date of June 4th.

Next Regular Meeting:

- January 10th at 5:00 in Community Center
- Motion to adjourn was made by Scott B. with a second from Jeannie. Meeting was adjourned at 6:27p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Stasz/Clerk

Marissa Selleck/Chair

Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

Joe Gurdak

Patrick Gray