

Ludlow Recreation Committee
Minutes of
May 14, 2019

Present: Sue Pollender, Pat Rumrill, Jeannie Stasz, Nick Miele, Marissa Selleck

Call to order: Sue called the meeting to order at 4:02pm. She welcomed Marissa Selleck to the board.

Comments: None. The committee requires comments to be in writing or to be in attendance at a meeting

Approval of Minutes: Jeannie made a motion to approve the April minutes. With a second from Pat, minutes were approved.

Director's Report:

- Easter Egg Hunt yielded 70+ children. This was held after the Pancake Breakfast put on by the PTG of Ludlow Elementary School. Kids met the Easter Bunny at breakfast. Nick will be working with the PTG for this event next year.
- Green Up Day had 50 people in attendance along with 17 executives from N.E. Green Up Day Council. Tomeka and Darlene took care of the food and Kevin & Eugene helped organize it. This ran on the same day as Little League Opening Day. Nick decided that for next year the two events should be on separate days.
- Opening Day for Little League went well, weather held off, kids enjoyed the fire trucks. Each player from the teams were announced. It was mentioned that everything was prompt and on schedule. Ron Godfrey from LaValley's threw out the first pitch which was caught by his grandson Sawyer.
- Pitch/Hit/Run competition had 12-15 participants. The weather was not ideal but the kids seemed to have fun.
- Home run Derby yielded 10 participants. The weather was not cooperative that day.

Old Business:

- Dog Park - Sue would like the group to make a recommendation of a location to the Selectboard. The two locations are: Fletcher Fields or West Hill. After discussion of pros and cons regarding both locations, Pat made a motion to recommend West Hill. With a second from Jeannie, Sue will recommend West Hill to the Selectboard. West Hill was recommended for closer parking to the

park, the option of taking dogs on the nature trails and Fletcher Fields tends to flood. Nick will map out an area and look into fence prices.

- Revenue Update: \$27,000 has been brought in since July 1, 2018. Concession stand this year has done well bringing in \$600-\$700.

New Business:

- West Hill Update: Windows are in and painted, RFP went out for Pavillion. Vail does a community service project each year and has chosen West Hill. This will be done in September. Some options for them to work on: the walking trails with adding exercise stations, horseshoe pits, gaming stations, playground equipment installation, stones under the pavillion. Talked about playground structures versus individual equipment like swings, slide, climbing bars. Nick pointed out three possible locations to consider depending on size.
- Summer Pamphlet: Nick is meeting with Cavendish and Chester to finalize the camps for this summer. Looking at putting Pickleball at the tennis courts for the summer. A swim instructor is needed for lessons at the spring house. Babe Ruth will be in Chester this year -- Chester will supply the coach. Looking to have some games played in Ludlow under the lights. Pamphlet will be posted online and given to elementary school for distribution.
- Softball league has 3 teams signed up with 3 or 4 still deciding. Games will be played on Tuesdays/Thursdays at 6:30 & 7:45. Nick is looking into inviting teams from other towns.
- Mangiamos Pizza would like to have a pizza night for the Little League Teams.
- July 4th festivities: Chris Kleeman Band will play from 7-9:00pm. Food Trucks: NE Concessions, American Pie, Squeals on Wheels, Simply Asian. Imery's Talc is sponsoring the fireworks.
- Summer Concerts have been booked for the season starting on June 23rd and ending August 4th. Sunday Nights at the High School front lawn. If it's raining it will be in the town hall
- The committee decided to stay with the second Tuesday of the month at 5:00pm for the meetings. We will adjust the times if needed to accomodate the sports schedules.
- Nick has been working on the scoreboard at the little league field. He tested it and it was working fine, now it is not. We can make the existing scoreboard wireless which would cost approximately \$2,700. Nick will find out if a new board should be purchased instead.
- Nick was asking about the Josh Cole and Girls Invitational soccer tournaments when Black River High School closes. Pat suggested that he get in touch with Bruce Schmidt to talk about options.

Next Meeting: June 11, 2019 at 5:00pm

Motion to Adjourn: Marissa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:11pm. With a second from Pat, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rumrill
Secretary

Susan Pollender

Jeannie Stasz

Joe Gurdak

Marissa Selleck