

Ludlow Recreation Committee

**Minutes of
January 11, 2022**

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

Community member: Gary Blodgett

Call to order at 4:37 p.m.

Comments from Citizens:

- **None**

Approval of Minutes:

- **Scott B. made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, Jeannie 2nd the motion.**

Director's Report:

- **Youth basketball games are underway, with many challenges. 2 guests per player are allow in the community center to watch the games, must wear masks.**
- **The community center has been very busy with an increase of community members using the facility, definitely a huge influx of participants using the fitness room, more people are learning about the community center and what we have to offer.**
- **The holiday light display at the community center was a huge success, taking 1st place for the commercial division. Contest was presented by Mary Davis Realtor & Assoc.**

Old Business:

- **Budget Projects: Town Manager Update: Scott M. spoke on the proposed bike path which is estimated to be aprox. \$19,475, for phase 1, which would include the bump track. Town would match 50% of the cost from capital funds, we must provide a list of volunteers, total hours and equipment and raise funds for the remaining 50%.**
- **West Hill: Presented a proposed article to dredge the pond to the selectboard in the amount of \$20,000. Scott mentioned that we may need approval from the state.**
- **Rope course: Still waiting to hear from TRSU who actually owns the course, they are having a meeting on Wednesday, the 12th. An estimate of \$9,167.55 to repair and inspect course, this estimate also includes training of 14 people.**

- Skatepark funds are up to aprox. \$70,000 with the additional \$20,000 available from the town on July 1st 2022.
- Dog Park: Park has been extremely popular, the committee has established a website <https://www.ludlowvtparkandrec.com/dogpark>. Committee is working on ways to fundraise for additional features and currently working on a brochure. Scott B. mentioned that a man is bringing his dog onto the soccer field, next to the dog park, suggested that someone should speak to him.

New Business:

- Green Up Vermont, CSWD and the Agency of Natural Resources accepted our application to receive a water bottle filling station, plus up to \$1,000 for installation costs. The filling station will be located outside at Dorsey Park.
- Nick proposed we work on a 3-5 year maintenance plan for our up coming projects. We discussed if the article on the dredging is voted in that we could possibly get the project started before we receive our funding in July and have West Hill ready for use in July.
- Nick is meeting with the skateboard committee next Tuesday to go over starting and completion dates for park. Nick also presented the committee with a drawing on the proposed skatepark.
- Nick would like to see us bring in for next meeting a list of projects that we would like to see happen and have them prioritized, along with upcoming events we would like to see happen in 2022.
- Nick wants ideas for the Easter Egg hunt, Easter is on April 17th and hopefully close contact will no longer be an issue. Green-Up day to follow on May 1st, along with opening day of baseball with a possible parade. Fireworks on July 4th.
- Next Regular meeting:

February 8th at 4:30 in the Community Center
- Motion to adjourn was made by Jeannie, with a second from Scott. Meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Stasz/Clerk

Marissa Selleck/Chair

Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

Joe Gurdak

Sue Pollender