

Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of
October 11, 2022

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

Community member: Chris Hurka

Call to order at 5:03 p.m.

Comments from Citizens:

- None

Approval of Minutes:

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

Director's Report:

- The 3rd annual scarecrow contest is underway, with 15 entries (5 less than last year), winners will be announced on October 13th. Voting this year will be done by people using the QR Code to vote for their favorite scarecrow.
- Over 70 players have registered for youth soccer. October will be a busy month, we are hosting 23 games in 31 days. After the conclusion of the high school tournaments, Nick lined all the youth soccer fields at Dorsey Park.
- The Girls Invitational and Josh Cole Tournament went very well for the 4 nights at Dorsey, Nick received fantastic feedback from the athletes, coaches, officials and fans.
- Adult Basketball is still being held on Monday evenings, the attendance has been sporadic, expecting more participants as the weather gets colder.
- The rec department has been working hard to implement ways to generate donations, one being the QR codes on posters to generate interest in donating to the Dorsey Park projects and the Dog Park.

Old Business:

- Dog Park: Obedience class will start on October 15th and go for 4 weeks, Allison from Mountainside Mutts will be the instructor. Plans are underway to keep the dog park opened during the winter months, the town will be responsible for plowing out the

parking lot, after all town roads have been plowed. The culverts will be installed within the next 2 weeks.

- Skate Park: The plan is to demo the park this fall and begin construction in the spring, however, the committee has yet to provide a design, which would determine the cost.
- Mountain Bike Park: The RFP's have been sent out and are due in by October 13th, bids will be summited at the Selectboard meeting on Nov. 7th..
- West Hill: Scott Murphy suggested to Nick we wait until December or January to send out the RFP's for the dredging and sand due to the high cost of fuel and shortage of labor, however, the Rec committee felt that we should send the RFP's out as soon as possible, allowing the bidders to view the site before snow falls. Marissa is going to send out an email to Scott Murphy regarding the RFP's.
- Budget Projects Timeline: Nick said that his operating budget is due on October 21st with his capital request due by mid November.
- Halloween Events: Once again, we will have a Haunted House on October 31st at the community center, also planning a Truck or Treat.

New Business:

- The committee discussed the ARPA funds and all agreed to submit a request which would include a full packet for a new playground at Dorsey Park, we all agreed that a new playground at Dorsey Park is long over due.
- Winter Activities: Turkey Trot will again take place this year on Thanksgiving, 5K and donations will go to Black River/Good Neighbor.

Next Regular Meeting:

- November 8th at 5:00 in Community Center
- Motion to adjourn was made by Jeannie, with a second from Scott B. Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully summited,

Jeannie Stasz/Clerk

Marissa Selleck/Chair

Joe Gurdak

Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

Patrick Gray