

**Ludlow Recreation  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2023**

**Agenda**

Present: Nick Miele, Marissa Selleck, Scott Baitz, Brendan McNamara

Call to order 5:02 p.m.

All meeting minutes to be approved in October

Comments from citizens: none

- The parks and recreation department will receive a big donation from Dan Ellen for 13-15K
  - o The Little League field is a possible option for the dog park because the town owns the land. The dog park at Fletcher Fields presents a few extra hoops with FEMA and Insurance since the town does not own the land.
  - o The debris at the little league field is part of the FEMA clean up.

**Director's Report**

- Started Coed softball back up and it is a quick spring to the finish.
- Youth soccer sign ups are out and we have seventy-three athletes registered with full teams at each age group.
- We hosted a Flood Related Green Up Day on August 26<sup>th</sup> and removed over 2,600 pounds.
- The Girls invitational tournament was September 9<sup>th</sup> and the Josh Cole Tournament is September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Due to the weather, we are hosting 6 varsity games Friday and Saturday.
  - o There is no fee for field use because families from Ludlow use the field.

**New Business:**

- Skatepark:

- Troy did the landscaping at the park. Brendan talked with Troy regarding cost and it is much lower than we anticipated. Troy is looking to cover his costs. The last few items to complete are topsoil, seeding, and possibly mud-jacking the park which could be rolled into FEMA.

-The cost of the work was 57K.

Dog Park:

- We will be looking for input from donors.
- new park is 34k for demo and removal
- This is the perfect time to look into flood related measures.
- Engle and Volkens have raised at least \$2,200

Little League Field:

- Moving the field to Pullinen Field makes sense and would work. The 60' diamond is for Little League and a 90' diamond is for Babe Ruth and Legion.

**New Business**

Halloween

- The Haunted house will take place on Halloween and we will develop a path through the community center.

Scarecrow Contest

- We review the poster and agreed to have 3 categories this year.

Ludlow Community Center: Weight Room

- At the moment we only have a handful of members because of the limited hours. We could generate more revenue if we allowed members to use the facility when they would like.
  - o The fitness equipment is getting old and worn down so this would be a perfect way to retain membership fees and also improve the facility with those funds.

-Student Volunteers: ESBR Students Assisting w/ Concession Stand

- Ludlow was supposed to host a 15u fall baseball tournament on 10/14 and 10/15.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Scott Baiz with a second from Marrisona Selleck. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Next Regular Meeting:

- October 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 in Community Center

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Miele/ Parks and Rec director

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Marissa Selleck/Chair

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Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

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Joe Gurdak

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Patrick Gray

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Frank Provance

