

## Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of

April 11, 2023

Present: Nick Miele, Scott Baitz, Marissa Selleck, Patrick Gray, Joe Gurdak

Community member: Mariel Meringolo

Call to order at 5:14 p.m.

Comments from Citizens:

- New Members:
  - Scott Baitz will double check if committee members have to be Ludlow Residents.
  - Mariel mentioned that she would entertain the idea.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Director's Report:

- Youth Baseball has over 60 athletes broken out over six teams. There are a few teams that combined with Cavendish due to numbers.
- The annual egg hunt had 65 participants and the numbers are lower due to the weather.
- Community Center continues to be used every night for youth and adults also taking advantage of the facility, by participating in open gym, volleyball, basketball and pickleball.

Old Business:

- Mt. Bike Park Start Date: Tentative start date is May, 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Marissa mentioned that Chris Hurka can help communicate with Rosey.
  - Nick will be meeting with LAST to discuss and develop a maintenance plan for the trails.
- Committee Positions Update: Jeannie stepped down from the committee. She did a lot for us and a thank you note will be sent out.
  - Scott Baitz will check with Brendan on eligibility for rec committee members
  - Brendan Should be able to meet with us at some point.

- West Hill: Scott Baitz was not happy with the Dredging process
  - Nick and Angela confirmed that the sand would be beach sand.
  - No confirmed start date and nothing was mentioned on the RFP.
  - The project was supposed to take place in the spring.
  - Nick will follow up with Lewco LLC to determine a start date.
  - Marissa and Scott expected the project to be completed by Memorial Day.
  
- Skatepark: The start date was asked and it was determined to start in Late April.
  - Marissa was at an Okemo Valley Women's Club meeting and they were interested in donate.
  - Marissa pushed them to support other rec department projects.
    - The club agreed to donate \$500 and match that with the proceeds from the yard sale in mid-August.
  
- Dog Park: Engle and Volkens are willing to help
  - There was a spring cleanup issue
- Events
  - Rod and Gun Club Fishing Derby: May 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Opening day is May 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Green up day is May 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Marissa suggested a press release
- Summer Events: Fireworks
  - Mountain is finalizing an agreement between the town.
    - This would allow us to have food and Activities
  - Mariel asked about location
    - This would be by the Sugarhouse on location and it provides plenty of spots to take in the fireworks.
  - Scott Baitz hopes there are no vendor restrictions.

#### New Business:

- Summer Camp:
  - Marissa asked about any updates on the summer rec program.
  - Mariel mentioned that the details already went out to families.
  - Mariel asked about swim lessons.
    - Nick mentioned that there is no agreement to use the Spring House for swim lessons.
    - Mariel mentioned Dave O'Neil is in charge of the spring house and would not hurt to ask.
  - Scott asked about location of the summer camp.

- Marissa said Ludlow and it is too late to ask about west hill.
- Mariel mentioned that is not under the rec umbrella.
- Scott Baitz mentioned that Venissa brought the summer camp up to West Hill for fishing, kayaking and biking. Once the dredging is complete to push the beach.
- Marissa asked why the rec department does not run a summer camp.
- Marielle mentioned that since the ASP runs the program, they get state subsidies which allow for better numbers.
- High school positions:
  - Marissa asked if any part time high school positions were available with the rec department.
  - Nick mentioned that he only has one staff member.
  - Marissa mentioned that the selectboard pushed revenue and having staff allows for that to happen.
  - If students are looking for positions, please have the reach out to Marielle or the ASP.

Next Regular Meeting:

- May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 in Community Center
- Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Baitz with a second from Marissa. Meeting was adjourned at 6:04

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