

**Ludlow Recreation  
Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, December 12th, 2023  
5pm  
Ludlow Community Center  
Preliminary Minutes**

\Present: Nick Miele, Marissa Selleck, Scott Baitz, Joe Gurdak, and Frank Provance

Call to order 5:11 p.m.

**Comments from Citizens:**

- Scott Baitz brought a comment from a citizen regarding winter hours at the community center. Could volunteers staff the community center on weekends.

**Approval of Minutes: 11/14/2023 and 10/10/23**

- October approval of minutes. Motion made by Frank Provance to approve the minutes as written with a second from Joe Gurdak. Motion passed unanimously.
- November minutes to be approved in December

**Director's Report**

- Youth Basketball: The 5/6 boys have 11 and the 3/4 boys have 12 athletes respectively. The girl's side is combining with Cavendish and we have a total of 8 athletes 3-6. This team will have a hybrid season of both 5/6 games and 3/4 games.
  - o Frank Provance asked if this would be a start for Ludlow and Cavendish to combine both programs. Frank is willing to help start this conversation with both towns.
- Community Center Activities: We had some huge participation in Adult Volleyball, basketball and indoor soccer. Volleyball is by far the most popular. Also, there is a dedicated group of community members that play pickleball three times a week. Nick is going to rotate and retape the courts so pickleball does not take up the whole court.
- Turkey Trot: We hosted a Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving to benefit Black River Good Neighbors. We had 74 participants and raised over \$555 in cash, plus 2 bins of toys and some canned goods.
- Community Center Fitness Room: We have seen a big increase in fitness memberships and replaced some worn out benches and added a few extra pieces that the fitness room was missing.
- Ludlow's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks: We have started the planning process for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July early this year because there are limited spots available to secure a display. I have already started lining up vendors, portable restrooms and working with Okemo to improve the event. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is already booked so we are looking at July 5<sup>th</sup> which is a Friday and the rain date would be the 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

-VOREC Grant

- The town is eligible to apply for the grant.
- Brendan and Nick have been working to submit the application.

-Pullinen Field Design & Costs

- Nick discussed a few designs that would all multiple uses on Pullinen Field.
- Scott Baitz brought up the point about a group of kids interested in having a Legion team next summer.

- Joe Gurdak brough up concerns of how competitive the team would be along with how many athletes they would have on the team.

- Nick suggested a hybrid design that would reduce maintenance, but still allow use for Little League and Babe Ruth.

- Nick also suggested that we can add a small tball field in Center that would allow multiple teams to practice at once.

-Community Center Hours

- The hours of the Community Center are 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday.
- Scott Baitz asked if a volunteer can open the community center on the weekend.
- Nick would talk with Brendan about having the community center staffed by

volunteers.

**New Business**

-Winter Activities

- Nick discussed the winter activities in his directors’ report. Other notable activities were winter crafts that was organized by Paula Vanguilder. The event was really positive. We also have a bus trip to NYC on Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup>. All the seats were full within a few weeks.

-Fundraising

- Marissa asked if there were any basketball tournaments to run concessions. Nick mentioned during President’s week tournament.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Frank Provance with a second from Joe Gurdak. Meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm.

Next Regular Meeting:

- January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 in Community Center

Respectfully summitted,

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

