

Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of
June 14, 2022

Present: Nick Miele, Jeannie Stasz, Scott Baitz, Marissa Selleck, Patrick Gray

Community member: Mariel Meringolo, Kyle Cleveland

Call to order at 5: 45 p.m.

Comments from Citizens:

- None

Approval of Minutes:

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

Director's Report:

- Green Up Day was held on May 7th with over 55 volunteers. T-shirts, stickers, water bottles and hats were given out to the volunteers. Coffee and doughnuts were donated by Dunkin Donuts, as well as granola bars and water which was donated by Shaw's. A total of 2400 pounds of trash was collected.
- Ludlow Youth Baseball and Softball: Opening day was on May 7th, exactly 1,099 days since the last time we had a formal opening day due to covid. The 5/6 softball team had the opportunity to play a double header under the lights at Dorsey Park with music and pizza, hopefully they will be in the Valley Youth League Championship game on June 17th at Dorsey Park. Playoff games start June 15th in Weathersfield. This season over 24 home games were held between Dorsey Park, Greven Field and Ludlow Little League Field.
- Adult and Youth Activities: Partnering with Chester and Cavendish a variety of sport camps will be held in July and August. The Dish Monsters baseball and softball camp will start July 11th, Ernie Duncan basketball camp on August 1st and the Okemo Valley Soccer Camp will start on August 15th. Tacos Tacos is hosting the skate jam on June 21st. Coed adult softball will continue in late June, 4 to 5 teams have already shown interest.
- Summer Events: Summer concerts will begin on July 3rd with Gypsy Reel at 7:00 and run through August 14th, the concerts will be held at Veteran's Memorial Park

with a rain location of Ludlow Community Center. This year the 4th of July fireworks are sponsored by Magris Talc and will be launched at the Sugar house on Okemo. There will be a concert held at Memorial Park at 7:00 p.m. prior to the fireworks. Unfortunately, there will be no 4th of July festivities around the base lodge, however, the Chamber has offered to commit to busing for next year. We are looking forward to bringing the 4th of July celebration back to West Hill. At the end of May, Epic Promise volunteers were back on West Hill to clean up the trails, spruce up the area and make new horse shoe pits. Scott B suggested that we try and retrieve the old pits from the area. Terry Fortuna said that the volunteers will be back at West Hill in the fall, Nick is working on a list of repairs for the Epic Promise volunteers.

- Old Business:
- Dog Park Update: Nick is meeting with the dog park committee on Tuesday, June 21st. Two trees will be planted for shade by Tim, who recommended Red Maples. The dog park brochure has been printed and will be distributed thru-out the town, dog friendly hotels and motels, the chamber, veterinarian clinics, etc.
- West Hill Dredging/Sanding Status: Have not received any RFP's for dredging, must be received by June 22nd. Scott B thought our estimate that we had received from Gurney was a proposal, will reach out to him.
- Mountain Bike Park Status: Scott Murphy has submitted an application to the DRB for their July 11th zoom meeting, we are all encouraged to attend. Kyle Cleveland from VMBA said upon completion of a mapped trail w/signage that the VMBA would provide us with insurance under their umbrella.

New Business:

- New Member: We all welcomed our new member, Patrick Gray, who brings many years of participating in youth programs in both Ludlow and surrounding towns. We are all excited to have him on board.
- Projects: Nick would like to see us bring to our next meeting, projects that we would like to see in our next year's budget.
- Up Coming Events: Spoke briefly on the upcoming events, Scarecrow Contest, Halloween Trunk or Treat, Turkey Trot, Gingerbread House Contest, and Winter Festival.

- Nick stated that the tennis courts will be pressure washed and cracks repaired in August.

Next Regular Meeting
July 12th at 5:30 in the Community Center

- Motion to adjourn was made by Marissa, with a second from Jeannie. Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Stasz/Clerk

Marissa Selleck/Chair

Joe Gurdak

Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

Patrick Gray