

**Ludlow Recreation
Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 14th, 2023
Ludlow Community Center**

Present: Nick Miele, Marissa Selleck, Joe Gurdak, Pat Gray, Mike Normile

Call to order 5:07 p.m.

Comments from citizens: Mike Normile would like to see how he can help/

Approval of Minutes: 10/10/2023- October minutes to be approved in December

Director's Report

- Halloween Haunted House: The haunted house had 5 volunteers throughout the walk that provided our 227 participants lots of scares and screams. The event started at 6 pm and lasted until 8 pm as we sent groups into the walk every 3 minutes
- Youth Soccer: The youth soccer teams finished up their season with an awesome parent kid game in the cold.
- Youth basketball: Registration is out and teams are slowly starting to fill up.
- Ludlow Skate Park: We had a great turnout with over 100 people in attendance throughout the day. After the opening day the park continues to be busy everyday with the weather permitting.
 - o Marissa asked if the skate park committee would continue to fundraise for the second phase.
 - o Nick: At this moment we are not going to fundraise so we can enjoy the new park. There are a few current grant requirements that we need to finish such as developing a green space.

Old Business:

-Pullinen Field Design for Little League Fields

- Nick: Spoke with the Cavendish Recreation director about Greven and the town is looking to rebuild it.
- Mike N.: wondered why it mattered to the town.
- The only reason we would need to know is to help us determine the number of fields we would need to develop at Pullinen Field.
- Nick: The options that we have to consider is if we would like to accommodate the 90' diamond for summer Babe Ruth and possibly Legion.
- Joe G: Is concerned how many Ludlow kids play Babe Ruth. Nick said roughly 5.
- Pat G.: is also concerned how long we will have teams that use the 90' diamond.
- The drainage at Pullinen Field is a big concern and we should look into a outdoor batting cage and pitching machine combo.

- For the Spring we will most likely use Dorsey for both baseball and softball games while practicing in the outfield.

- Nick will bring costs for the next meeting.

-Community Center Hours

- We are looking to have Community Center hours on the weekends from 10-3 and during the week from 7am to 8pm. We really need to figure out the staffing issue.

-Dog Park Update

- The Dog Park committee has worked to fundraise money to rebuild the park. So far we are up to about 9k and we need about 36K.

- Mike Normile suggested that the town implement the 1% tax so help fund these recreation projects.

- Nick mentioned that the 1% tax is a selectboard decision.

New Business

-VOREC 2023 Grant Ideas

- The 2023 VOREC grant is the same grant that we received for the skate park. Nick has to check and make sure that the Town is still eligible for the grant because the skate park grant is still outstanding.

- Possible projects that the grant is eligible for are: Dog Park, Little League Field, Tennis/pickleball court and the playground.

-Winter Activities

- The winter activities that are coming up are youth basketball, adult volleyball, adult basketball and adult indoor soccer.

Next Meeting: 12/12/2023

Adjournment

Motion made by Marissa Selleck with a second from Joe Gurdak. Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Next Regular Meeting:

- December 12th at 5:00 in Community Center

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Miele/ Parks and Rec director

Marissa Selleck/Chair

Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

Joe Gurdak

Patrick Gray

Frank Provance