

**Ludlow Recreation
Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 10th, 2023
Ludlow Community Center
Minutes**

Present: Nick Miele, Marissa Selleck, Scott Baitz, Joe Gurdak, Frank Provance, Pat Gray, Mike Normile, John Dener.

Call to order 5:09 p.m.

Comments from Citizens: none

**Approval of Minutes: 04/11/2023; 05/09/2023; 06/13/2023; 07/11/2023; 08/09/2023;
09/12/2023**

- Scott Baitz made a motion to approve all minutes as written. Joe Gurdak seconded.
Motion passed unanimously

Director's Report

- Youth Soccer: The season has been underway and we are now into the part of the season where we host a majority of the games.
- Josh Cole Tournament: We worked around the crazy weather and hosted 6 games in 2 days. The field really played well.

Old Business:

-Dog Park

- The dog park committee is working to fundraise for the new park. The cost will be 36k for fencing.

- We are looking to have Fletcher Fields cleaned up.

-West Hill Update

- The area around the basketball court should re-ditched to allow the water to drain around the court.

-Little League Design Options for Relocation at Pullinen Field

- We are looking to move the Little League field up to Pullinen Field.

- Frank is going to talk with Rick Chambers to see how Cavendish plans to move forward at Greven.

- Nick will present different options for the November meeting.

-Dorsey Tennis Court Repairs & Pickleball Usage

- Nick mentioned that FEMA will reimburse the town at some point.

- Nick received a quote to have the court fixed which is around 70k.

- Mike N. believes that is a low quote, and could this be put in the budget?

- Scott Baitz: The budget gets cut because of the lack of kids in town.

- Mike N.: The courts need a lot of work and as a tax payer we should invest in our facilities. Could there be a separate site for pickleball?

- Nick: The issue with having a separate site for pickleball is that the Dorsey tennis courts would not be able to be repaired for a while.

- John Dener: the pickleball players have started to raise money to offset some of the cost such as additional nets and lines.
- Mike N. The additional lines are distracting.
- Nick: many multipurpose facilities have multiple lines.
- Joe Gurdak suggested an alternate site would be the parking lot.
- John D.: we have over 20 people playing.
- Nick will look into possible alternatives and bring them to a future meeting.
- Halloween: Scarecrow Contest & Haunted House Update
 - The scarecrow contest is out and we have 15 scarecrows throughout the town.
 - The Halloween Haunted house is currently in question because FEMA is still using the Red Room.

New Business

-VOREC 2023 Grant Ideas

- The VOREC grant opens on 10/9.
- There are 4 pillars that projects fall into. The town manager is the grant writer for the town.

-Winter Activities

- Marissa asked about skating at West Hill. The court has to be resurfaced for basketball and pickleball.
- We will discuss this more next meeting

Adjournment

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

Next Regular Meeting:

- November 14th at 5:00 in Community Center

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Miele/ Parks and Rec director

Marissa Selleck/Chair

Joe Gurdak

Frank Provance

Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

Patrick Gray