

Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of
April 12, 2022

Present: Nick Miele, Jeannie Stasz, Scott Baitz, Marissa Selleck, Joe Gurdak

Community member: Mariel Meringolo Chris Hurka, Gregory Blodgett

Call to order at 4:40 p.m.

Comments from Citizens:

- None

Approval of Minutes:

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

Director's Report:

- We have 52 athletes that have signed up for baseball, 2 of our age groups will be combined with Cavendish. Opening day will be Saturday, May 7th with all the festivities.
- Skatepark received the VOREC grant which was \$190,500, bringing the total to \$260,000. Skatepark is moving forward. Sending out RFP's for the demolition and phase I which will consist of approx. 3,000 sq ft.
- Adult activities have been popular, indoor soccer has seen between 13-16 participants, volley ball 10-11 players each week and adult basketball, 18-25 people each week.
- Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 16th starting at 10:00 a.m.
10:00-10:15 2-6 year olds
10:20-10:35 7-9 year olds
10:40-11:00 10-12 year olds
American Legion and Sons of American Legion have donated the candy and many prizes for the game winners.

Green-Up Day, Saturday, May 7th, many t-shirts, hats and water bottles to be given out.

Old Business:

- Dog Park: Dog park committee meeting was postponed until Tuesday, April 19th. Park officially opens on Monday, April 18th. Looking for dog trainers to give obedient classes at the park.
- Bike Park: Mariel from OMS has received \$10,000 in pledges for the park. Nick advised the committee that before we present the proposal to the Selectboard, we should be totally prepared with RFP's, maintenance costs, list of businesses and people who will support the park etc. Nick will meet with Scott for a list of documents needed to present to the board. Chris Hurka suggested we may want to create a charter thru VMBO. Chris also mentioned that Jay maybe available at the end of April, the skill track will take aprox. 3 weeks. The sub-committee will meet on April 26th at 4:00 to discuss the possibility of being on the agenda for the May 2nd Board meeting. Gary Blodgett wanted to know who would be liable for injury, Nick was going to call the town's insurance company.

- Events: April 16th, Easter Egg Hunt

May 7th Opening Day with parade and Green-up Day

July 4th Fireworks

American Legion and Sons of American Legion have donated the candy for the Easter egg hunt.

4th of July fireworks will be located at West Hill, Okemo will supply buses , 2 of the vendors will be Squeaks on Wheels, and Simply Asian, Talc mine will provide \$7,000.00 worth of fireworks, they are asking the town to provide \$3,000 worth of fire works.

Summer concerts to start up on Sunday, June 26th and will be held at the town gazebo.

New Business:

- Vt. Fish and Game will stock West Hill in the fall with a fishing derby to be held the following spring.
- Scott B will donate \$200.00 towards stocking West Hill with "Big" fish costing \$28.00 per fish, (thank you Scott) also Tim Billings has offered to donate towards stocking the pond.

- Summer programs will be held both in Chester and Ludlow.
- Member Terms, Sue Pollender will no longer be on the Rec committee, but will continue to serve on the dog committee. Gary Blodgett and a few others have written a letter of interest. Select Board will decide on their May meeting.
- Gary Blodgett suggested that we revisit our on going projects, including the rope course in our next meeting.
- Next Regular meeting:

May 10th at 5:30 in the Community Center

- Motion to adjourn was made by Scott B., with a second from Marissa. Meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Stasz/Clerk

Marissa Selleck/Chair

Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

Joe Gurdak