

Ludlow Recreation Committee
Minutes of
August 14, 2018

Present: Heather Tucker, Sue Pollender, Patty Rumrill, Nick Miele

Public: Melissa Perrino, Marissa Selleck

Call to order: 5:03pm

Sue received an email from Scott Murphy asking to add to the September Agenda a review of the summer program and to invite Venissa White and Zoe Trimboli.

Comments from Citizens:

- Melissa came to the meeting with some concerns regarding the summer program. She feels that the program needs to improve their reputation and draw kids in. She is concerned about the ASP Program and Rec not working well together this year.
- Aug. 10th was the deadline for early soccer signups with the discount. No forms were available when she came to the Community Center. She went to the town office and received the forms. When is the office open so that people can sign up their kids? Nick replied that the office is open from 2:30-8:00pm on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. 10-3 on Sat and Sun. She is asking for Nick to list the hours on the website. Nick has been working on an online system for soccer signups. With this online program, if there are any changes to the schedule parents will automatically receive an email. Melissa is asking for more details to be given to parents similar to a packet from Lisa Marks regarding the cross country school program.
- Melissa feels that the swim lessons went well, the instructors were fantastic. However, Okemo did not know when the lessons were starting. She felt it would be good to have Nick present on the first day of any program starting.
- Saturday, Sept. 29th is the Harvest Fair from 10-4pm. Melissa is wondering if Nick can work around this date with the soccer schedule as many parents help with the Harvest Fair.
- Melissa asked Nick to contact the Rod and Gun Club to coordinate the Fishing Derby and Little League Opening Day so they are not on the same day. Rod and Gun Club needs to order the fish in October. Nick to contact them before October.
- Communication on the Little League pictures has been lacking. Melissa asked for an update. Nick reported that the pictures had just arrived to his office. He also was disappointed in the timeliness of the pictures. He will be looking for a new photographer for next year.
- LES started a weekly newsletter for parents, Melissa would like to see Nick take advantage of this.

Approval of Minutes:

- Patty made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. With a second from Heather minutes approved.

Director's Report:

- 4th of July went well with 700 in attendance. Was at West Hill with lawn games, music, basketball (with new nets). Pavilion and picnic tables were painted. Nick would like to get banners made for sponsors of this event. Also would like to add more music and possible vendors for glow sticks etc.
- Summer Camp ended on 8/10 with a trip to the Great Escape. 37 children participated. We will be reviewing the summer camp program next month and looking at the financial side and trying to make it better - more games and less school activities, find field trips they will enjoy.
- Skate Park - Steve worked on it all summer, it is now safer with new sheet metal and he removed some signs.
- Tennis courts are being used regularly.
- Softball ended on 8/13 - will review to see how it went. Need to encourage more participation. Bring back the home run derby? There was no Valente Tournament this year. Marissa stated that there has always been a challenge getting players. Need to promote and get more sponsors. The 6:30 time slot is an issue for some teams.

Old Business:

- Dog Park - lots of grant money out there. Interested parties will be getting together. West Hill is a possibility and well as Fletcher Fields on the Cavendish end which Cavendish is agreeable to. Need two parks, one for small dogs and one for large dogs. Needs to have a two door entrance. Possible membership fee or donation box at the field. Nick to coordinate a meeting with Terry O'Brien, Marissa, Sue and Fern Melvin.
- West Hill - Sue will type up ideas for the Sept. meeting.
- Nick is working with the Gill Home to develop programs for seniors during the winter months.

New Business:

- Soccer sign-ups are trickling in. Coaches are all set for 5/6 boys and girls. 3/4 girls might have to combine with 5/6. A coach is needed for 3/4 boys and K/1 team. Jerseys need to be ordered. Nick will get various sizes and they will be numbered.
- Bleachers are being torn down at Dorsey. They are unsafe and spectators should not be on the same side as the teams. Most people bring their own chairs. Nick will transport the aluminum ones from the little league field to Dorsey.
- Community Center gym floor will be resurfaced the week of 8/22. Center will be closed. Building has been resealed due to leaking.
- Fitness center has seen an increase in use. Two pieces of equipment have been removed to make more room and it is brighter. All members sign a waiver if using the equipment.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, September 11, 2018 5:00pm Community Center
- Agenda Items will include: Summer Program & West Hill

Motion to Adjourn:

- Heather made a motion to adjourn. With a second from Patty the meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rumrill
Secretary

Susan Pollender

Heather Tucker

Joseph Gurdak

Leslie Boyle