

Ludlow Recreation Committee
Minutes of January 14, 2020

Present: Joe Gurdak, Pat Rumrill, Sue Pollender, Marissa Selleck, Nick Miele, Scott Murphy

Public: Scott Baitz

Call to order: 4:04pm

Comments: None

Minutes: Joe made a motion to approve the November minutes as printed. Minutes approved

Director's Report:

- Nick organized the Turkey Trot in November. Will continue this for next year
- Gingerbread house contest yielded 6 contestants. All were displayed at DJ's Restaurant

Old Business:

- Dog Park: Nick and Bonnie Tucker presented Rotary with a letter to see if they could help fund this park, as well as going to the selectboard meeting. The selectboard would like us to look at all locations, i.e. Little League Field, Fletcher Fields and West Hill. The Recreation Board had previously stated that they felt West Hill was the best option. Fletcher Fields is too wet and would be hard to access for older people as it would be in the back left corner not near the parking lot. Status of grant applications will be on the next agenda. This would be a low maintenance park, need drinking water for dogs, looking into a membership program to help with revenue.
- Snowman contest will be postponed until we have more snow. Possibly February or March
- Basketball games are going well, there are more towns in our league with more teams per town which is increasing our game schedule. Maybe next year try divisions to cut down on traveling. More practices are needed.
- It was asked about the possibility of offering exercise classes at the community center. Nick will research.

New Business:

- West Hill: Pavillion will be replaced and will be adding 11-15 feet to make it bigger. It will be in the same location with pea stone as a base for the picnic tables. Nick passed out a potential playground design which was more of a ropes course design that included a rope swing, bridge, flying carpet. Nick will check on some handicapped accessible equipment as well. Financing is available in installments. Vail will finish the work they started on the building in the spring. Nick would like to see more horseshoe pits and to renovate the beach. Having the summer program up there last year deterred the geese from coming back. The water will be tested again this spring.

- Summer Ideas: Venissa White will be holding her summer program at West Hill again this year. Nick is working on getting a Master Lego Builder from Boston to come to Ludlow for a Lego Education Course. Will try to coordinate with Venissa. Sports camps will run again this summer with soccer in Chester, Basketball in Ludlow and Baseball in Cavendish. Nick will watch the dates of the sports camps in Springfield so as to not conflict.
- Fishing Derby - Nick will follow up with Paul Faenza with the Rod and Gun Club and will check with the legion to see if they would help stock the pond with fish.

Next Meeting:

- February 11th 4:30pm Community Center
- Nick will check with the Town Hall to see who's terms are up this year to bring to the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Pat motioned to adjourn, with a second from Marissa meeting adjourned at 4:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rumrill

Susan Pollender

Joseph Gurdak

Marissa Selleck

Jeanne Stasz