

Ludlow Recreation Committee
July meeting minutes
July 11, 2017 5 p.m.
Ludlow Community Center

Sue Pollender called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m

Members present: Sue Pollender, Joe Gurdak, Patricia Rumrill, Heather Tucker, Howie Paul

I. Comments from citizens: none

II. Approval of minutes: June and July minutes will be approved at the August recreation meeting

III. Directors Report. Howie reported to the committee; The Summer Youth camp began on June 26th. There are 35 children enrolled with four staff members, three of them hold valid lifeguard certificates. Camp runs Monday - Friday, 8:30a.m.- 4:00p.m. for seven weeks. There is the option of early drop off and 5p.m. pick up for an additional fee.

Summer High School Boys Basketball Program is headed up by coach Donald Richards. For boys, currently in grades 8-11. They play Monday and Wednesday against Springfield, Green Mountain, Leland and Gray and West Rutland. There are minimal fees, and there are 8 playing. High school Girls Summer Soccer: second year participating in this league, no officials, different schools take turns hosting games. Each game is 1 hour. Game times 5p.m., 6p.m.and 7p.m. This program is directed by Greg Benson.

Swimming lessons are being offered at Jackson Gore. There are lessons on Monday and Wednesday nights. Parents have to stay during the lesson. So far, all participants are extremely happy.

We currently have two staff members certified as lifeguards through Lifeguard Pro. Two other staff members are in the process of becoming water safety instructors.

The summer concert series kicked off July 2nd with the Chris Kleeman Band on Main St. as part of the 4th of July festivities. The following week was Gypsy Reel at the gazebo at 7p.m. So far, these concerts have been well attended.

Baseball camp is happening the week of July 10th. There are 12 boys signed up and eager to play and learn.

Babe Ruth baseball is combined with Chester this year where home games and practices are played in both Chester and Ludlow.

American Legion Baseball is a new program and the turnout has been good. There are 14 boys from Ludlow, Chester and Springfield. This is fully funded by Ludlow's Post 36. It is an intense schedule with 21 games in 34 days.

Summer softball is under the direction of Zoe Trimboli. There are girls from Ludlow and Chester. Games are on Monday nights at 6p.m. and 8p.m.

There are 4 teams participating in Co-ed softball. The fifth team couldn't pay the \$450 entry fee, but those players were able to be placed on the other 4 teams. Games are on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30p.m. and 7:45p.m.

Open Gym numbers continue to be steady with a large number coming into play basketball even in the warm weather. Fitness center use has dropped a bit, but there are still the regular members that attend daily.

Community center continues to get a lot of use with civic group meetings and a blood drive. West Hill Recreation area has seen a number of people fishing. However, there is still no swimming allowed due to high E. coli levels.

IV. Old Business

The town manager of Cavendish is interested in coming to a recreation meeting to explore dog park options at the Fletcher Fields

V. New Business

Dane Greindeer has taken over the watering of the town flowers. He does this 3 times a week and it takes about 3 hours.

VI. Next meeting August 11, 2017 at 5p.m. at the community center.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m. Patty Rumrill moved to adjourn. Joe Gurdak seconded.

Sue Pollender
Patricia Rumrill
Joe Gurdak
Leslie Boyle
Heather Tucker

*minutes respectfully submitted by Heather Tucker