

Ludlow Recreation Committee  
Minutes of  
June 11, 2019

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

Community Members: Terry Fortuna (Vail), Melissa Perino

Call to Order: Sue called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

Comments from Citizens:

- Melissa Perino asked Ludlow Recreation to be involved in a summer program again. We discussed that it was the select board's decision to have the After School Program run the summer program this year and we would re-evaluate at the end of the summer. Melissa is concerned that the student limit might already be full and she feels that the community is not pleased with this model.

Approval of Minutes:

- Jeannie made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. With a second from Pat, the minutes were approved.

Director's Report:

- Hosting U10 Cal Ripkin Tournament on June 15/16 and 22/23rd. Five teams are enrolled with a double elimination. Starts at 9:00am.
- Cavendish is hosting the U12 Tournament on June 22/23. Lots of teams involved.
- Adult softball league starts Monday the 17th. Currently have 4 teams and trying to get one more team to sign up.

Old Business:

- Dog Park - Called West Rutland dog park for more information. Their enclosure is 156' x 171' with a 4' fence. Sue would like to recommend we purchase a 5' fence as some bigger dogs can jump a 4' fence. There is room on West Hill's former soccer field. Would also like to improve the walking trails at West Hill to allow the dogs access. What is the next step? Get committee members to set up a sub committee with members from the community. Scott will ask for members to

respond to the town hall if they are interested in being on this committee. Jeannie and Sue will be the Rec Representatives. Nick talked to Terry O'Brien at Cavendish Recreation Department. They would like to help fund this but would like it placed at Fletcher Fields for access from both Ludlow and Cavendish. Pat voiced a concern that it would be placed too far away from the parking lot for older citizens to bring their dogs and could there be a way for a road to drive to the back corner where the park would be. The sub committee will explore these options.

- Terry Fortuna attended this meeting as a Vail representative to talk about the Epic Promise Community Project on Sept. 14th. We discussed the option of having Vail help with constructing playground equipment, working on the walking trails, horseshoe pits, painting the building and beautification with flowers and shrubs. The Epic Promise Community Project has 3 components: 1) Employee piece where they help employees and their children who are in a crisis and need financial support, 2) commitment to zero by 2030, meaning zero waste - no more throwaways, ie paper, plastic, straws, and they have started a large composting project. 3) The community piece of Epic Promise Day on Sept. 14th which is a one day project with manpower, equipment and some money for West Hill which Vail feels is a perfect fit. Terry needs numbers to ask for funds within the next two weeks. Scott and Nick will work on this. Also add a small kiosk for information to walking trails. We will also ask Vail for funding for an industrial swingset and then ask some businesses to help fund a slide. More equipment will be added slowly in the future.
- Little League Scoreboard: \$2800 to fix or \$4500 for a new one. Nick feels it is a top of the line scoreboard and it is worth fixing and adding a wireless control. Nick will ask LaValley's to see if they would be interested in helping to fund this.

#### New Business:

- Fundraising Ideas
- Nick would like to have some grills, tether Ball and horseshoe pits up by the July 4th festivities, along with some other yard games. Would like to have a West Hill Revitalization sign put up by July 4th to inform people what we are trying to do.

Next Meeting:

- July 9, 2019 at 5:00pm Ludlow Community Center

Motion to Adjourn:

- Marissa made a motion to adjourn. With a second from Jeannie the meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rumrill  
Secretary

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Susan Pollender

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Jeannie Stasz

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Joe Gurdak

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Marissa Selleck