

# **Ludlow Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Ludlow Community Center – Recreation Office

Thursday, June 14, 2012

5:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order at 5:00 pm. Members present: Sue Pollender, Joe Gurdak, Patty Rumrill, Pam O'Neil and Recreation Director, Howard Paul.

## **Comment's from Citizens:**

Little kids were on park bench swing at Dorsey, while pushing the swing the S hook popped out. Howie will look at the hinge and replace it.

Concern regarding little league: There is not a lot we can do. Games get rained out and trying to reschedule is difficult. Majority of our teams have played all of there games, however, one coach is still not satisfied.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes from April Meeting: Motion by Patty seconded by Joe. Unanimously passed.

## **Director's Report:**

Adult Baseball: Ludlow's team has competed every week. 1<sup>st</sup> home game this weekend. Our Ludlow Picher intentionally threw at a player, was disrespectful to the umpire and challenged them in the parking lot. Team has dismissed him and the league may take additional sanctions. Program is not in budget so have sought our sponsors to cover cost. DJ's, Stryha us Builders (\$300), Phil Chimbolo and Howie split (\$700) difference. Question raised about putting program in the budget and then recoup 13 Ludlow residents?

Co-ed Softball Season going well. Able to make up games that were rained out. They are 13 games behind. Need to schedule make-ups will be playing at both Dorsey and Fletcher.

Little League Baseball and Softball. Playoffs start on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Two 9 and 10 year old teams will combine to make one team.

Men's Tennis going well. Harry Butts has been taking over the program. Power washing the courts and sweeping. They have been helpful in the taking care of the courts.

Open Gym: Numbers are a little inconsistent since school as released for the summer.

Field work continuing. Little League field has been hydro seeded. It didn't take as well as we thought. The grass looks great from road, but it is very thin. The plan is to reseed and mulch so that it is ready for next year. Fence is not up, about 3 weeks behind. Backstop is up at Fletcher Fields but without gates. Cavendish paid for the fence; however, Howie will contact the fence person to fix Fletcher as they do the Ludlow fence.

Fletcher fields: The first Cavendish field still holds water. In the fall once high school moves to Dorsey. Ludlow field has been seeded and has new topsoil. Hoping that the Ludlow field will be ready for Fall.

Pullinen field will be worked on late this summer. Third base side of outer field will be cleared out and swailed so that the swap goes away. This will save a considerable amount of money in balls. Brush will be cleaned out and burned as they go.

Dorsey: When the crew who installed the field were mowing it looked great and was cut at the same level, however, it cost about \$195 a time. While we were not paying that actually, the price would go up considerably. The town has taken over mowing the field, however, we may need to look at a new mower so as not to ruin the field with the 0 turning radius.

### **Old Business:**

Summer Soccer: Boy's season starts today and there is a concern about the number of people who may not be able to play. \$70 per game/per official for a total of \$1400, \$150 league fee. There is a scholarship fund, but not to cover fee but rather for equipment. .

Cost of \$1500 for both teams. There is a \$40 fee to play. The committee recommends that if there are issues about paying. The student can request money from Booster Club.

Babe Ruth: Combined team 7 Ludlow kids. 11 from Chester, 2 from Londonderry. Hopefully, next year will be the last year we have to combine with Chester. Chester knows that once we get the players we will be breaking away and forming Ludlow's own team.

### **New Business:**

Community Center floor will be redone in July. It will be sanded and resealed. It gets a lot of use and will probably be done every other year. There are some dead spots but overall the floor is good.

Summer programs start last week in June: Staff had CPR and First Aid training and briefing about what the expectations are for their behavior. Abby group will provide a salad, hot lunch and on Fridays when they go on their trips there will be sandwiches Summer Recreation design: One hour academic in am and One hour and a half in pm: Balance of day will have recreational activities worked in. It looks like an average of 45 to 50 kids a day. 12 of those kids are in need of scholarships.

Swimming lessons will be Sundays and Wednesdays Level 1 2 to 5-6pm Level 3 and 4 from 6 to 7 pm at Jackson Gore. Sara Groshens is the certified Swim Instructor.

State park is now going to be opened next week for swimming. They will try to run camp there a couple days a week in order to have water access. Water is testing fine for swimming.

Hip-Hop dance camp: One week long is later this month for children ages 4 to 6. Wednesday program 7 to 12 year olds

Monday night softball league in Springfield. There are four teams participating. Springfield, Hartford, Ludlow, and Windsor. Ludlow's team has Chester and Ludlow players.

High school Co-ed basketball started last Tuesday evening at 5 pm.. Rather than run it two nights a week, the coach decided to do one night due to interest.

**Next meeting Date:** July 12, 2012 at 5 pm at the Community Center.

Motion to adjourn by Patty, seconded by Joe. Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela O'Neil, Secretary