

Ludlow Recreation Committee
Minutes of
March 10, 2020

Present: Sue Pollender, Joe Gurdak, Patty Rumrill, Nick Miele, Jeannie Stasz, Marissa Selleck

Public: George Thompson, Scott Baitz

Call to Order: 5:01pm

Comments from citizens:

- George mentioned that he came to tonight's meeting to observe. He would like to join a committee and the Rec Committee is one of his choices.
- Scott sent in a letter to the Town Hall to join this committee.
- The April meeting will have new members and officers will need to be elected: President, V. President and Secretary. We will also determine a meeting date and time based on the new members.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Director's Report:

- Baseball teams are starting to practice in the gym. Softball teams will begin to practice inside next week. Fields are clear of snow, but there is a lot of water. Dorsey Park will be the last to melt and dry up.

Old Business:

- Dog Park Update: A survey was put out on Town Voting Day. Out of 68 responses 56 said they would use the park and 62 said they would support the park. The town budget passed so there are funds available for this park. Dog Park rules and Dog Owner Responsibility signs were developed by the committee and they will be attached to the gate as you enter. The committee is looking for sponsors to help with benches, agility equipment, etc. \$15,500 of the \$21,000 has been raised. The committee will be applying for grants from PetSafe and Ben & Jerry's. Nick has asked the Rotary for financial help and they are waiting to hear back from them.
- West Hill Update: Nick will be meeting with Okemo Mountain to get information on the horseshoe pits they installed. Nick will be installing additional horseshoe pits in the hopes of having tournaments. Looking into stocking the pond and will need to continue to stock it each year. Rod and Gun Club would like to keep their fishing derby at their club which will be on May 9th. The pond will be stocked with brook trout and brown trout with the possibility of a few larger fish for excitement. The water in the pond tested well last summer for low e coli counts.

- Pavillion Update: A bid for the Pavillion went out for a second time. The same three responded as before. One came down to \$14,000 but we will need to demo and stain ourselves and they will re-use some of the hardware. This bid originally came in at \$18,000. The other two bids stayed at \$30,000. Lewco in Springfield was the lowest bidder. Not well known and only in business for the last two years. Selectmen will decide at their next meeting on April 6th. Kevin MacPherson will oversee this project. The goal is to have this completed by June 19th. Nick is working on securing some grills for West Hill. West Hill will be open to the public even when the summer program is in session.
The building has been painted, windows and doors replaced and the kitchenette is usable. An additional sink would be nice to add which would allow 15 more kids in the summer program. We will wait to see how many register before going ahead with another sink. 75 is the most we can have for registered campers without an additional sink. Nick will find out when summer camp applications will be available.
- Nick would like to change the weekly sports camps from half days to full days this summer.

New Business:

- Egg Hunt will be on April 11th. Ludlow/Mt Holly PTG will be hosting a pancake breakfast. There will also be Minute to Win It games during the breakfast for special prizes. 8:45-10:15 will be breakfast and games with the egg hunt starting at 10:30.
- Baseball/Softball: 31 players have already signed up. Baseball will receive a fitted hat and softball will receive a visor. Nick is looking into putting numbers on the hats to help identify them for the kids.

Next Meeting:

- April 14, 2020 5:00pm at the Ludlow Community Center

Motion to Adjourn: with a motion from Patty and a second from Jeannie, the meeting adjourned at 5:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rumrill
Secretary

Susan Pollender

Jeannie Stasz

Joe Gurdak

Marissa Selleck