

Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of
May 10, 2022

Present: Nick Miele, Jeannie Stasz, Scott Baitz, Marissa Selleck, Joe Gurdak

Community member: Mariel Meringolo, Chris Hurka (via phone)

Call to order at 5:35 p.m.

Comments from Citizens:

- None

Approval of Minutes:

- Scott B. made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, Marissa 2nd the motion.
- Scott B. suggested that in addition to Jeannie emailing the minutes out, that when Marissa emails the agenda that the minutes also be attached. All agreed.,

Director's Report:

- Easter Egg Hunt was very successful with over 90 kids participating. Time slots didn't really work out, everyone came at once, however fun was had by all. Again, a big thank you goes out to Ludlow American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion for all their donations and help.
- Green Up Day was held on May 7th with over 55 volunteers. T-shirts, stickers, water bottles and hats were given out to the volunteers.
- Ludlow Youth Baseball had opening day on May 7th with 57 registered players. We had to combine a couple of teams with Cavendish due to a shortage of players. Opening day for Cavendish was April 30th, both towns had players participating in a parade.
- Events: West Hill pond has been stocked with 35 12" rainbow trout, 50 10" rainbow trout and 168 brown trout, thanks to the generous donation from Scott Baitz and Tim Billings. Summer concerts will begin on July 3rd with Gypsy Reel at 7:00 and run through August 14th, the concerts will be held at Veteran's Memorial Park.

Old Business:

- Dog Park Update: Fletcher Farms has donated two trees for the dog park, Tim will be planting them.
- West Hill Dredging: need to get RFP's out.
- 4th of July: Bruce Schmidt, VP and GM of Okemo mountain proposed having the fireworks at Okemo, this would eliminate the cost of busing, we could use their parking facilities. The fireworks would be shot out from the Sugar House, waiting for additional details from Diane Depalma Vullo, Bruce's assistant.

New Business:

- Rope course, the tree work has been completed, looking forward towards intergrating the rope course and bike park as a family recreation area in the future.
- Mountain Bike Park has been endorsed by the Board of Selectman with a few clarifications: permit situation, insurance, maintenance. A special meeting has been set up for May 16th at 6:00 p.m. to go over these issues. Nick Bennette from VMBA will be present in the event that the Select Board has any questions.
- New Members: Sue Pollender has resigned, but will continue to serve on the dog committee. it was suggested that we give her a gift certificate and Nick said he would also write her a letter. On May 16th, the Select Board will select three open positions for the Recreation Committee, the candidates are Joe Gurdak (seeks re-appointment), Jeannie Stasz (seeks re-appointment), Patrick Gray and Gary Blodgett.
- Joe Gurdak asked if there was going to be a summer camp program and Nick confirmed that the summer programs will be held both in Chester and Ludlow from 8:00 to 3:00

Next Regular Meeting

June 14th at 5;30 in the Community Center

- Motion to adjourn was made by Scott B., with a second from Jeannie. Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Stasz/Clerk

Marissa Selleck/Chair

Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

Joe Gurdak