

Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of

November 09, 2021

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

Community member: Gary Blodgett, Mariel Meringolo, Andrea Goldman, Meredith Milliken

Call to order at 4:42 p.m.

Comments from Citizens:

- Andrea and Meredith commented on the amount of people using the skateboard park and looking forward to seeing improvements.

Approval of Minutes:

- Joe made a motion to approve the minutes as printed, Scott B. 2nd the motion.

Director's Report:

- The haunted house was a huge success with over 152 bags of candy handed out, many participants went thru multiple times. Groups of 4-6 were allowed in every 3-4 minutes to control crowding. The only complaint was that the line to get in was too long.
- Youth soccer ended the last week in October, with each team playing between 8-9 games.
- Youth basketball registration has started. Practice will begin after Thanksgiving with games starting in January. Every school will have their own policy regarding spectators attending the games.
- 2nd annual scarecrow contest was a success, with two 1st place winners for Best on Main, American Legion and 3 Graces, Shannon Barton took home the prize for funniest, Mojo's The Scariest and Best of Vt. Went to Apple Picker. The 6th grade participated with 4 creative scarecrows and was rewarded with a pizza party.

Old Business:

- Mountain Bike Park and Skateboard Park: Scott Murphy will be meeting with Justin Hyjek and Carol Lighthall to go over both applications for the VOREC community grant, and decide which application would most likely be accepted for the grant money. It has not been decided whether it will be an open meeting. It was suggested that someone from the Rec. committee attend.

- Gary Blodgett, Kyle Kennedy, and a few others walked the bike path and tagged trees which would need to be removed for the bike path. Scott B. volunteered his Kabota for the bike park project. Money for these projects were discussed, from fund raising, applying for the Parks & Rec capital funds, to the town's capital funds, to putting an article on the ballot for Recreational Revivitation over a period of time. Justin has raised more than \$70,000 and the town has committed \$30,000 in capital funds for the skateboard park. Approximately \$15,000 would get a pump track for the bike park up and running. Not sure if this included the excavation which is now donated by Scott B.
- It was agreed upon that the current rope course be assessed for future usage and whether it is salvageable.
- West Hill: Continue to improve West Hill with 2 new basketball courts, pickleball court, costing approximately \$40,000. This does not include dredging out the pond or bringing in sand, will get a current cost for these items.
- Dorsey Park: Current playground needs some sprucing up. Need to get pricing for new asphalt and top coat and painting for tennis courts.

New Business:

Nick is meeting next week with Theresa Serr, new director of the after school Program and West Hill summer program.

Marissa offered to create an excel sheet for Nick for these projects.

It was suggested that we view the Ludlow Municipal Town plan, which was created In 2019.

Next Meeting:

December 14th at 4:30 in the Community Center

- Motion to adjourn was made by Scott B. with a second from Jeannie. Meeting was adjourned at 6:05

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Stasz/Clerk

Marissa Selleck/Chair

Scott Baitz/Vice Chair

Joe Gurdak

Sue Pollender