

Ludlow Recreation Committee Minutes

October 8, 2019

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

Public: Scott Baitz

Call to Order: Sue called the meeting to order at 4:57pm

Comments:

- Scott Baitz commented that the Summer Recreation program this summer was excellent. He said there is some trouble getting young kids interested in hunting and fishing and was wondering if the Rec Committee would team up with the Ludlow Rod & Gun Club to help host the fishing derby in the spring. Possibly having the derby at West Hill. Having kids at West Hill eliminated a lot of the geese. Nick will go ahead and explore working with the Rod & Gun Club on the fishing derby and stocking the pond at West Hill.

Approval of Minutes:

- Jeannie made a motion to approve the minutes. With a second from Joe, the minutes were approved.

Director's Report:

- Fall Ball is winding down. Ludlow has placed 9th in the season. Final games will be at Grevin Field. This is the first time Ludlow has been in this league which plays on Sundays at 2pm. Next year they are trying to get more teams from the south, maybe Chester and Bellows Falls
- Youth Soccer is going well with 64 athletes over 6 teams.

Old Business:

- Scott Murphy reported on the Dog Park. Fliers were distributed to ask for help with the committee. A Committee will be formed and they will be meeting from now until December for drafting up the funding needed.
- West Hill Plan: Water tested well - beach needs to get redone. Will try to budget this for next year. Scott Baitz commented that it is difficult to walk around the dam due to it being swampy. Would like to have it looked at and thinks it just needs to be regraded and clean up the ditches. Nick will look into this. Nick will also check with M & M Construction for an estimate for the beach area.
- Epic Promise Update: Work day went well -- weather was not cooperative. They would like to add more horseshoe pits to possibly attract tournaments in the summer. Whiskey Barrels will arrive in the spring. Nick will reach out to the Garden Club to see if they could help us get them started. Foot bridges were installed on the hiking trails and the trails were cleaned up.
- Nick has not heard from the Rotary Club about helping with the playground equipment. Thought about moving the pavillion closer to the main building and possibly put the playground on the pavilion site. This would make more room for the playground.

- Nick would like to have West Hill swimmable by 2021 after all the updates are completed.

New Business:

- Scott Murphy would like to invite Venissa White to the next meeting. She has a 10 minute video to show us and we can ask about plans for next year. Sue will invite her to the November 12th meeting.
- Halloween Party will be on Oct. 31st. The parade will start at 6:30 and end at the community center. The party will last until 8:00pm. Only 6 kids in the band, possibly put them on a trailer with the younger kids walking behind them. Pizza, candy, haunted house. Maybe change the candy to pencils spider rings etc.
- The new scoreboard at the little league park is on its way compliments of LaValley Building Supply. Nick will do a photo and get it in the paper.
- Rec Projects:
 - Dog Park
 - New vinyl tarps for the gym floor for protection
 - Reline the gym floor to include basketball lines, volleyball lines and pickleball. Estimated cost is \$5600. Pickleball and badminton can use the same lines if anyone was interested in badminton.
 - Press Box at Little League Field
 - Trimming trees at Dorsey Park
 - A new tractor is needed estimated cost: \$35,000. Joe asked about the ownership of the tractor - is it the town's or the school's or shared? Nick to look into it.

Next Meeting: November 12th 5:00pm. Sue will not be in attendance.

Motion to Adjourn: made by Patty, with a second from Jeannie the meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rumrill
Secretary

Susan Pollender

Jeannie Stasz

Joe Gurdak

Marissa Selleck