**Lafayette Recreation Committee**

**April 11, 2017 – Meeting Minutes**

Attending: Matt Koehler, Adam Boyer, Gordie Johnk, Meghan McPhaul, John Hynes, Launa Glover, Frank Pinter, Kim Cowles, Kris Kappler

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Committee voted to **approve minutes** from March 2, 2017.

Kim reported the puppet show put on by the Arts Alliance last week at the town hall was a success, with 76 people attending. This was the final program of the Arts Alliance for this cycle.

**Spring soccer**: Kim told committee there is a group working to develop a spring soccer program to include Lafayette towns, Bethlehem, and Littleton, for kids in grades 3-6. The impetus has come from a few parents in those towns whose children do not play baseball and would like a spring sport option. They will use the Dow field two days a week through the spring. There is some concern this may pull kids away from the Rec. baseball program, although spring soccer is not a Rec.-sanctioned program.

**Girls running program**: Kim responded to the trademark infringement concern from the Girls on the Run program and let that organization know Lafayette Rec. will no longer use the name Girls on the Trail.

Kris said there seems to be little interest in having a program this spring. She has reached out to Nicole Fitzpatrick and Ajilla Pospesil, who have been involved as coaches in the past, and neither has responded.

**Baseball/Softball**

Kris reported:

* 12U softball team has been practicing since early March and has about 11 girls, including one from Bethlehem. Coaches are Mandy Young and Monica Laflamme.
* 12U baseball has about 10 boys and has started practice. Coaches are Tim Burnell and Patrick and Kathy Plante, with assistance from Scott Kelly.
* 10U baseball has 11 players signed up and will start next week. Coaches are Tim Clough and Ryan Boissonneault, with help from Eric Mullins and Trevor Presby.
* 8U baseball has 9 players signed up and will start next week. Coaches are Peter Gignac and Lisa Harold.
* T-ball has 15 players signed up and will start next week. Coaches are Jade Walker and Haley Ireland.

**Summer Rec. Program**

Kris reported interviews have gone well. The interview committee met with nine candidates yesterday. Five counselors are returning. We will need to hire two counselors for the adventure program and three for the regular program.

**Coaches Meeting** – Tim Clough and Mandy Young attended the coaches meeting, with a quick run-through of the power point.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:25 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** May the Fourth

Minutes submitted by Meghan McPhaul, 12 April 2017