

## Lafayette Recreation Committee

8/3/23

Present: Adam Boyer, Kent Butterfield, Peter Gaudette, Haley Ireland, Amy Kopp, Katie Raymond.

Absent: Ryan Carlaw, Mike McKeever, Matt Steele

Guests: Isaac Reeder, Sarah Reeder, Jennifer Opalinski

Isaac Reeder presented his plan for a health, fitness and safety fair for children. This is his Eagle Scout project and will take place on the Dow on 10/14/23.

### Rink project

- Jennifer Opalinski provided an update on the rink project that she and her husband John are spearheading.
- Filed for non-profit status.
- Still in research mode—they are working with Preferred Mechanical Services, Inc. to get estimate for rink refrigeration. They have also consulted with Rink Services Group a rink consulting firm, who they hope they can hire once fundraising is underway.
- Eventually they would like to form a committee of community members.
- First fundraising goal is for rink refrigeration, then would consider fundraising for rink covering.
- Ultimately, would like rink to generate income to offset operational costs (skate rentals, equipment sales, tournaments).
- Adam suggested having family fun nights at current rink this winter to gauge/generate interest.

### New Lafayette Principal!

- Amy Kopp is the new Lafayette principal. She is excited to be a member of LRH as the Lafayette representative.

### Summer Recreation

- Going very well.
- 68 participants
- Team Snap working well
- Two Adventure trips. Kids had lots of fun, well-attended, behaved. Lots of interest in more trips/activities next year.
- Rain was a challenge but counselors/campers made the best of the situation.

### Soccer

- Equipment
  - Katie would like to buy new balls. Local bank has donated \$350 and summer soccer group has donated 24 new balls to rec. Motion made by Peter Gaudette, seconded by Haley Ireland, to purchase remaining needed balls w/ donated money with difference coming from soccer equipment line item from budget. Motion passed.
  - Soccer goals □ motion made by Haley Ireland, seconded by Kent Butterfield to purchase four 5 x10 soccer goals for \$4,188.49 with funds from the expendable trust fund. Motion passes.
- Pre-K/K
  - Coach □ Kirsten Hadsworth

- Practices on Saturdays at 9 am.
- 1/2—
  - Coaches □ Nelson Crowe, Adam Alderin, Chuck Weed
  - Sponsor □ Hamilton Painting
- 3/4—
  - Coaches □ Peter Gaudette, Joe Garrison, Heather Ferguson
  - Sponsor □ Franconia Base Camp
- 5/6—
  - Coaches □ Garrett Ferguson, Chuck Weed, Jeff Collins, Molly McLean
  - Sponsor □ Rewild Renewables
  - Concerns
    - Garrett has already sent out e-mail to all 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade parents using school e-mail list. All recreation-related communication should be through TeamSnap. Amy will address this with Garrett.
    - Katie has heard from several parents with concerns about aggressive/early practice schedule. Therefore, will coordinate coaches meeting on 8/16/23 to review expectations, guidelines.

#### Capital Improvement Board

- Katie is working with Steve Plante to prepare for new van purchase. Meeting is pending to discuss this further.

#### Triathlon

- Saturday 8/5. Rec staff volunteering. Katie and family helping too.

#### Fireworks

- Rescheduled to Saturday 8/5. Katie and family helping w/ parking.
- Food trucks.
- Katie trying to set up music.

#### Pickleball

- Discussed at recent selectboard meeting.
- Lafayette Recreation supports pickleball and will promote once rink is operational.
- Katie spoke to and e-mailed with MK O'Connor who indicated that Jeff Lavin would be coming to tonight's meeting to discuss the issue further, but he did not attend.

#### Upcoming agenda items

- Summer Rec
- Local tournaments

- Wobble Gobble
- Halloween Cup and Pumpkin Jamboree

Meeting adjourned at 6:25

Next meeting—Thursday 9/7/23 at 5 pm at the Town Hall