Lafayette Recreation Committee

**June 7, 2018—Meeting Minutes**

Attending: Cindy Berlack, Adam Boyer, Kim Cowles, Launa Glover, Haley Ireland, Gordie Johnk, Matt Koehler (5:40), Meghan McPhaul

Absent: John Hynes, Kris Kappler

Guests: none

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Minutes from May 1 approved.

**Pavilion update**

* Hired structural engineer (Gregsak) in early May, paid $3500 deposit but still do not have plans. Thad reached out to him yesterday (6/7/18). Kim will follow up with Thad and update committee ASAP.
* Concrete/electrical—Kim had approached Persons (concrete) and Jim Price(electrician) last year, they offered discounted rates/donations, she will follow up with both to see if those offers still stand.
* Possible cupola donation from Franconia resident. Kim to e-mail committee with that info.
* Fundraising stable at approximately $95,000.

**Baseball/softball**

* Uniforms 3rd/4th grade—shirts are MIA, players have pants. Kim reports that there should be plenty of uniforms. Need to follow up with Kris.
* Softball (U12)
  + Bob Gorgone—invited several 6th graders to play on middle school, this has been done in the past. U12 softball coaches concerned that he didn’t ask them first. Matt states that he thought it was cleared by coaches. Per Matt, players/parents were told (by coaches) Lafayette Rec games took precedence.
  + Season started w/ Monica Laflamme & Mandy Young coaching, Mandy then stepped down, Sam Presby took over.
  + Game scheduling: according to rec website, there were 10 games scheduled at the beginning of the season, most were away games. Scheduling was difficult due to lack of local teams. Four games were cancelled by opposing teams, coaches were concerned. Meghan met with coaches and reviewed communications (texts, e-mails) and feels there was a good effort to reschedule, but other teams couldn’t accommodate.
  + What do we do next year to avoid? Might not be an issue as there will not likely be enough players to field a team; however committee discussed being more proactive in seeking teams in other leagues if coaches are interested.
  + First softball game disorganized, field wasn’t fully lined etc.
* Miscellaneous
  + Outfield fence—cannot go up until AFTER track and field. Need to communicate this to coaches early in season. Kim and Corey put it up the Monday following this year’s track meet.
  + Survey coaches this year to estimate what equipment will be needed next year. Committee suggests meeting early next year at shed to distribute equipment.
  + New organizational system for equipment, locked hoppers for each team behind dugouts?
  + A parent concerned that at Littleton team was sponsored by Garnet Hill. Wonders why our teams don’t have sponsors. Committee agrees to hold off on sponsorship for now. We already ask for a lot of money throughout the community.
  + Kim bought new bases.
* T ball jamboree—went off without a hitch.

**Touch a Truck**

Went very well, good turnout, Matt reports that it was very well-organized. The evening concert with Fast Times Band was a good event, Kim was hoping for a larger turnout, estimates there was about 200 attendees.

**Summer program**

Kim was approached by a full time town employee requesting that children of out of town employees pay the resident rate for summer rec. After a lengthy discussion, Meghan McPhaul made a motion, seconded by Cindy Berlack, to allow non-resident, full time, benefited employees of Franconia, Sugar Hill or Easton, to enroll their child/children in summer rec at the resident rate. Motion was passed unanimously.

Staff training scheduled for June 21 and 22. First day of rec is June 25.

One hire has decided not come aboard.

One hire has broken foot, not lifeguard certified. Will be on crutches/cast first few weeks. Kris is aware, he will still be working and will complete lifeguard certification as soon as he is medically cleared.

Micah Delventhal Safian—coordinating 1st/2nd grade group. Working as para at Lafayette currently, will be student teaching in the fall.

**Trails grant**

Angela Figallo wrote and was awarded a $120,000 grant to create trail system from Franconia to Profile and Bethlehem to Profile. Angela and Kim working on letters to abutting landowners/supporters. Lafayette Rec will be listed as a supporting organization but committee has requested that we be removed from maintenance duties. Kim will notify Angela.

**Dow Tennis Court**

Cindy Berlack and Eric Meth are working together to address the Dow Tennis Court, it’s in disrepair and sees little use in its current state. Cindy and Eric’s goal is for the town to take over the court in some capacity and make necessary repairs so it can be used by the community. In the past, groups have attempted to work with Dow Association to address this issue, but have been unsuccessful. Eric feels that there is support within Dow Association currently and has drafted a proposal. Any negotiations/transactions need to be between the Dow Association and Town of Franconia. Cindy will ask Eric to remove Lafayette Rec from the proposal, but the committee will remain a supporting organization.

**Old Home Day**

July 7th: Grand Marshall hasn’t been chosen yet.

5K race in the morning, theme is Who Is Your Hero? Kim requests that committee members help with promotion.

Tricky Dick and games on Dow.

Duck Race—SHFD taking over this event.

Beatles Cover Band, fireworks.

**Traffic light island**

Kim and Beth Horan maintain this. Beth has suggested a cairn in the location.

**Disc golf—**very active. There is interest in expansion, $3000 is available. Where would it go?

**Track Meet**

New Lancaster administration not interested in hosting. Jesse Lyman has volunteered Lafayette to host. Diane Rappa organizes volunteers/timers, but host will need to build long jump and get high jump from Littleton (box truck), line fields. There is concern that track meet would disrupt baseball/softball. Could consider alternative venue (Dow, Profile, airport, WMRHS). Gordie will discuss venue change with Jesse. LPTO will be selling food.

**Father/Daughter dance**

Organized by Amber Lawton in the past, but she was unable to this year. Will try again next year.

**Budget**

Briefly reviewed income/expenses to date. No significant expenses to date. Holly working on revising spreadsheet to make it easier to compare actual income/expenses to budget.

Next meeting Thursday September 6, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by Haley Ireland June 11, 2018.