Lafayette Recreation Committee

**May 2, 2019—Meeting Minutes**

Attending: Cindy Berlack (5:46), Adam Boyer, Kim Cowles, Haley Ireland, Gordie Johnk, Kris Kappler, Matt Koehler, Michael McKeever, Meghan McPhaul

Absent: Launa Glover

Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm

April 2019 minutes reviewed and approved.

**Sweetheart Dance**

* 25-30 attendees. Less than Daddy-Daughter Dance. Kids had fun.

**Dow Derby**

* Things looking good. Minimal pre-registrants, but a lot of interest in day-of registrations.
* Kim has finalized route.

**Pavilion**

* Muddy.
* Picnic tables there.
* Staining is complete.
* Water up and running.
* Electrical buried, but needs to be connected, lights need to be installed.

**Baseball/softball**

* T-ball—7 participants, coaches are Garret Ferguson and Heidi Ballentine. Jamboree/Touch a truck 6/1/19.
* Farm league—11 participants. Coaches are Wes Burhoe and Ted Seemueller.
* 10U—7 participants. Coaches are Peter Gignac and the Quintals. Not enough participants for an official team but they are working on skills & drills.
* 12U—11 participants. Coaches are Tim Clough and RyanBoissonneault. They have busy season through the end of school.
* Not enough interest for softball but one girl is playing on another town’s team.
* Will have new uniforms for 10U for next year. Kris has the uniforms, they will be printed when summer rec shirts are printed to save costs.
* Kim has organized the storage shed at Lafayette. There are big tubs for 10U and 12U outside. Inside are general use items (pitching machine etc).
* Infield work over vacation. Presby brought two yards of sand to blend w/ hard pack. Kim needs a few dry days to continue work.
* Outfield fencing will go up after track meet. No home games before track meet.

**Summer Program**

* Kris hired four new staff. Noah Boyer, Cole Hadlock, Carleen Kennedy-Wright, Everett Lewis.
* Would like one more person as lead for K-1 group.
* Early registration is due by 5/24. Kris sends out frequent reminders.
* Rec starts 6/24 and continues through 8/9.
* Kris is working on staff training agenda.

**Summer meetings**

* Would like to have 1-2 meetings this summer however scheduling these will be a challenge. Will discuss further at next meeting.

**Roadside cleanup**

* Organized by Sarah Reeder. Will take place 5/4/19 at Dow Field.

**Pickleball**

* Kim is organizing pickle ball on the rink for this spring/summer. Discussion regarding portable vs. temporary nets; tournament vs. league. Up to six courts can fit on rink. After long discussion, motion made by Adam Boyer to spend up to $1000 from fundraising funds to purchase two temporary nets, paddles and balls. Seconded by Mike McKeever. Approved by committee.
* If there is enough interest/participation, could consider permanent nets next time rink is resurfaced.

**Feedback/Expectations**

* Committee appreciates Kim’s efforts to complete pavilion. Many thanks to donation of materials and time by Fall Line Painting, Adam Nyborg, Dan Walker & crew.

**Airplane**

* Gale River Coop wants plane.
* No specific plans for removal at this time. Kim is working with Chuck Weed facilitate this project.

**Grants**

* RTP grant for trail bridges (Saw Mill Lane).
* Mike looking into playground grants.

**Future/wish list**

* Playground equipment
* Warming hut
* Dow tennis court—Cindy doing legwork, long range plans. $70,000 for site work/surfacing (Advantage). Mike Kenney thinks that’s high (he can help w/ site work, but can’t do the surfacing).
  + Subcommittee—Cindy, Jennifer Opalinksi, Kim, Bill Stevens (condo owner/FSC).
* Evaluations—subcommittee to meet this summer (Gordie, Haley, Meghan).

Next meeting Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm

Minutes submitted by Haley Ireland June 3, 2019