RECREATION Notes   March 4, 2021

Attending: Board members- Gordi Johnk, Meghan McPhaul, Cindy Berlack, Launa Glover, Adam Boyer, Nicole MacKay

Absent: Mike McKeever, Kent Butterfield

Rec. Director: Kim Cowles

Guests: Tim Clough

From Dow Association: Eric Meth, Bill Stephens, Pat Garvin, Ed Rolfe, several other owners/residents of the Dow

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm via zoom by Meghan.

Spring Baseball/Softball:

Start after April school vacation.  Tim Cough voiced his strong support for having a spring season – with games – and will coach grades 5-6

-Kim is working with other rec departments to determine safety protocols and potential game schedules

-She is meeting March 18, with other town Rec Depts.

-Kim to send a note to all parents, asking for sign-ups and coaches

Summer Program:

-4 counsellors from last summer will return, we will need 2-4 more, deadline to commit was March 1

July 10, Sat. Old Home Day

-moved away from July 4 weekend to access bands and fire works

Ability to hold Top Notch Triathlon is still undetermined and will depend on access to the tramway at Cannon.

Challenger Soccer camp - the week after school gets out.

Tennis Court Discussion:

Cindy reported that she is gathering estimates for refurbishing the existing court. There is a possibility that the fence and posts can be fixed and used, rather than replaced. Will need to determine whether the DOA and town have a memorandum of understanding if project moves forward, or if it makes more sense to develop a lease agreement.

Eric Meth, member of the DOA board, expressed his wholehearted support of the DOA and Lafayette Rec collaborating to rehabilitate and open the tennis court. Several other members of the DOA attended the meeting and expressed support of the idea as well. Ed Rolfe repeated his opposition to opening the court to general public. Ed suggested placing a new court for public

use in the area of the Dow where the Halloween bonfire is staged, at the south end of the fields.

Committee members suggested it is impossible to have a meaningful conversation about this without a plan to review, including cost estimates for the project. Committee members suggested obtaining estimates for:

1. A complete rehab of the existing court
2. A new court at the south end of the Dow – IF that is a feasible option
3. A new court at the town-owned property across from Lafayette Regional Elementary School (former Evergreen Apt site) – IF that is a viable option

The latter would provide easy access to elementary school PE classes. Kim will check with the town to see if that is a possibility.

Committee **approved minutes** of the February meeting with the following corrections: spelling of Gillian Cahill, and spelling of Bill Stephens.

Meghan told the committee she is stepping down after this meeting, as she no longer has the time to commit fully to the committee.

Our next meeting is April 1, 4:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Berlack and Meghan McPhaul