Lafayette Recreation Committee

**September 6, 2018—Meeting Minutes**

Attending: Cindy Berlack, Adam Boyer (7:20), Kim Cowles (6:35), Launa Glover, John Hynes, Haley Ireland, Gordie Johnk, Matt Koehler , Meghan McPhaul

Guests: none

Absent: none

Meeting called to order 6:15 pm.

Minutes from June & July approved.

**Uniforms**

Kris will be ordering more baseball uniforms for U 10 and U12 teams.

**Summer recap**

* Kris reports that summer program went very well. The weather was good, staff was excellent and kids were happy and had fun.
* Kids, staff and parents were surveyed and overall very positive feedback from all groups. Kids still don’t like swim lessons (cold water), but they will not be eliminated.
* There were 79 campers.
* Went on some different field trips this year which was well received by campers. One field trip had the older and younger groups going to different places which went well.

**Soccer update**

* Soccer is going well
* Kindergarten has five participants with Garrett Ferguson coaching along with parent helpers.
* First and second grade has 20 players with Molly McLean and Corey Rush coaching.
* Third and fourth grade has 17 players with Meghan McPhaul and Mike McKeever coaching. First game is next week and team will be participating in Under the Lights tournament in Littleton.
* Fifth and sixth grade has 22 players with Meghan McPhaul and Mike McKeever coaching. First game is next week and will be participating in Under the Lights tournament. The fourth grade girls were asked to play on this team to allow for a girls team for certain games/tournaments. All fourth grade girls were asked and all are capable of playing up.
* Lafayette Rec will be hosting a soccer jamboree for K-2 teams on October 13.
* **Soccer goals**—Kim updated committee on Dow Field soccer goals.
  + There are field hockey goals which were donated by Profile and are good for younger players, however one of them is very old, has been repaired multiple times and is dangerous at this point, Kim recommends eliminating.
  + 18 foot goals: good for older players. She has purchased new nets for these goals but one of them is ~15 years old and she recommends replacing.
  + Goal is to have two uniform fields for older players (18 ft goals) and two uniform fields for younger players (field hockey goals).
  + Motion: Cindy Berlack moves to allow Kim to spend up to $2500 on new goals using either Triathlon proceeds and/or budget funds. Haley Ireland seconds. Committee approves. The motion was then amended to increase the amount to $4000 (motion by Cindy Berlack, seconded by Launa Glover), committee approved.
  + Kim will continue research, do some cost comparison and report back to committee prior to making purchase.

**After school program**

* LAFter Care is going very well. Gillian Cahill (paraprofessional at Lafayette) is doing excellent job heading up this program. Hannah Butterfield is working as an unpaid intern. Approximately 10-12 students per day with about 8-12 going to Boys and Girls Club.
* The ad hoc committee of school board members and rec committee will be meeting next week.

**Triathlon**

* Went well, participants happy despite rain. No negative comments.
* Partnership with Iron Furnace Brewery was successful. Winners got free glass and beer for which Tim Clough subtracted about $200 out of the $1000 sponsorship from Iron Furnace.
* Attendance a bit lower but sponsors made up for difference.
* Kim reports that despite assistance from LRC subcommittee, it was still about the same amount of work for her. However, the subcommittee’s assistance with sponsorship and promotion was a huge help.
* Kim has some thoughts for changes for next year, subcommittee is meeting next week to review this year’s event and start planning for next year.

**Pavilion update**

* Groundbreaking is planned for later this week! Trees have been cut down. Conduit has been laid/buried.
* Due to later than expected start, will be cutting it very close to Halloween Cup. Kim will touch base with Thad again to confirm that work will start this week. May need to consider renting a tent again this year if work isn’t done.
* There is a widespread shortage of trusses, but Thad was able to bump up the delivery.
* Launa has reached out to Kevin Briere, shop teacher at Profile regarding construction of picnic tables. Gordie also has a contact at LHS and Matt has a contact through the state as well. Tables are not an urgent concern at this time.
* Due to delays, cost may go up (Thad estimates an increase of $4000-$5000 due to increase in materials cost), but contingency was budgeted, so this shouldn’t be an issue.
* Fundraising is stable at $116,043. Last cost estimate was $111,384.

**Airplane**

* Airplane structure needs to be replaced. Can no longer have playground structures constructed from pressure treated wood, there’s also a risk of splinters.
* Kris would like to see an adaptive play structure.
* Questions regarding how to eliminate the airplane. In the past, other items have been donated or sold at low cost, with buyer being responsible for removing. Tamarack has expressed interest.
* Will keep through Halloween Cup and research replacements over the winter.
* Funding new structure could be taken from Dow Playground expendable trust fund.

**Outfield fencing at Lafayette**

* There have been concerns in the past from coaches and parents regarding the lack of outfield fencing at the Lafayette field, so Kim has been researching options.
* She has found a portable version that would offer versatility. It could be used for the outfield but also other events such as on the Dow for soccer season, during events for crowd control, road races etc.
* Would need 314 ft for outfield and this fencing can be purchased in 50 or 100 yard lengths or as a kit.
* Committee is in favor of purchasing, but would like to defer this discussion pending review of budget. Kim will continue her research and committee will revisit this winter.

**Halloween Cup**

* Planning well underway. Kris reports 15 teams have registered thus far which is typical at this point. She sends out frequent reminders encouraging teams to register. Last year there were approximately 48 teams.
* Launa, Andrea, and Adam will be doing food tent for their final year, apprentices are needed. Kris and committee members will reach out to parents with younger children.

**Color Run**

Bob Weir, of Bethlehem is organizing color run trail run as a fundraiser for childhood diabetes. He reached out to Matt requesting that the event be posted on Lafayette Rec website. In the past, LRC has declined similar requests as the website’s purpose is as an informational forum for Lafayette Rec (schedules, registrations etc), not to advertise/promote outside events. Toni has advertised through the school newsletter and committee recommends sharing this event via Facebook (Franconia’s Dow Park).

**Movie night**

* Low attendance despite being promoted for several weeks. Movie can’t start until after dark which makes it hard for families with young children.
* Excellent projection and audio.

**Annual evaluations**

* Directors’ self-evaluations due back by September 27, 2018 via e-mail. Committee will review prior to or after October 4th meeting and then review w/ directors at November meeting.

Next meeting Thursday October 4, 2018 at 6:15 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by Haley Ireland September 18, 2018.