

Lafayette Recreation Meeting 5/4/2023 5pm

In Attendance: Adam Boyer, Mike McKeever, Gillian Cahill, Haley Ireland, Pete Gaudette, Kent Butterfield, Katie Raymond

Ice Rink- Jen Opalinski will attend the next meeting to discuss the resurface project.

Money is still owed to paint the surface, \$12885. There is some confusion about where those funds are coming from. We do have some budget left in our rink fund.

VT recreational has some concerns on the actual surface and if it was completed correctly for them to paint it. Katie is meeting with them to get clarity and will update next month.

Franconia Planning board-Adam will attend the next Franconia planning board meeting on 5/9/23.

Soccer on Dow Field- Mount Washington Valley Soccer Club Boys and Girls team will use the Dow field over the weekend for home soccer games. They usually play in North Conway, but their field is unusable. We will request some field marking supplies as "payment for field".

Challenger soccer camp is set with 2 camps this summer, one to start the summer and one to end the summer. Signs up are going well but neither camp has reached capacity. Still time for kids to sign up.

Baseball-All teams are practicing. It has started well. We have had many new signups after the cutoff date, no child was turned away.

Katie found all the uniforms and cleaned them. This included missing basketball uniforms. Uniforms were stored in uncovered totes in the basement of the town hall. Pests had gotten into the uniforms. Katie asked for new storage with locking covers.

Mike McKeever made a motion, seconded by Haley Ireland, to allow Katie to purchase proper storage devices with lockable covers for all uniforms and equipment. Funds to withdraw from the Lafayette recreation expandable trust fund. Passed unanimously.

Katie asked the board to review the idea of sponsorship from local businesses on team uniforms. She had an example of a sponsored uniform from Bethlehem Recreation. The board asked Katie to investigate it and have some more info at the next monthly meeting.

Summer Recreation Program- Sign ups will be posted on 5/8

We lost one counselor that had committed, so we now need to hire one more. Interviews will be held the week of 5/15/23. There is currently one new applicant, and the job is posted on our website.

Looking for options for Pool in town to use for the summer program.

Gillian will be teaching summer school Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am-12pm for the month of July. Katie Raymond is available to fill in for those times. Because this is outside of the realm and normal hours of her position, she will be paid the same hourly rate that Gillian receives for those additional hours worked.

Recreation transportation-Mike McKeever has found a possible option for us to lease a 14-passenger bus for the summer. We have our Van maintenance fund that we can use to pay the lease. We are waiting on rates to see if the fund will cover the total, if not we will seek additional funding.

Mike McKeever made a motion, seconded by Haley Ireland, to use van maintenance fund to pay bus lease. passed unanimously.

This bus will require any drivers to be rostered and certified, Ben at Notchview busing is getting a license to certify.

TeamSnap-Katie has been researching APPS to use for youth athletic teams and the summer program. The APP allows the administrator to communicate with participants and their families, they process fees via credit card, with an added processing fee paid by the participant. They allow easy access for coaches and counselors to communicate with their team and ease in finding emergency information if needed. Katie spoke to 3 different APP options, and she is recommending Teamsnap. Their customer service has been great and for an annual fee of \$959 it will cover all seasons of youth sports and our summer recreation program. We will be adding this to our annual budget next year.

Mike McKeever made a motion to approve the \$959 fee to be paid to TeamSnap the funds to come from the Lafayette recreation expandable trust fund. passed unanimously.

Old Home Day-Recreation will be participating on Saturday with a float in the parade and then with the concert and fireworks on the Dow.

Lafayette Recreation Bylaws-we discovered that posted on the recreation website were Bylaws from 2014. The bylaws had been rewritten and adopted in 2019 but the website had never been updated. Katie will ensure the 2019 adopted bylaws will be posted on the Lafayette recreation website.

Dow Field and Rink- Katie has been working closely with Jenny in the town hall. All scheduling of use for the Dow field and the rink will go through the town hall. Katie will work with town hall to make sure all activities are posted on both the town calendar and the recreation calendar.

This is all part of establishing clear lines between the Recreation Director position and town employees. Kent Butterfield made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike McKeever. Passed unanimously.