

**CANTON LEISURE SERVICES
LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 15, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: Ken Harris, Anthony Davis, Jay Young, Tom Neuhart, Valerie Krimmer, Kate Borninski, Robert Mossel, Mike Gulkewicz, Vijaya Sastry, Sara Rudolf, Chris Falco, Elizabeth Banker, Risha Narayanan, Greg Hohenberger, Jon LaFever, Jessica Bunjik (Recorder)

EXCUSED: Brooke Franklin

A regular meeting of the Canton Leisure Services Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chair Mossel.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mossel, supported by Borninski and seconded by Falco to approve the meeting minutes of May 18, 2021 as presented. Approved – carried unanimously.

III. AGENDA

Motion by Mossel, supported by Borninski and seconded by Falco to approve the agenda of September 15, 2021 as presented. Approved – carried unanimously.

IV. DEPARTMENT SHOWCASE

A. Leisure Services Update PowerPoint

- Questions resulting from the Presentation:
 1. Plans for cart path replacement at Pheasant Run?
 - Cart Path replacements will begin in 2022 replacing 9 holes at a time
 2. Why are numbers so significantly lower in 2021 for the B.L.O.C.K.?
 - B.L.O.C.K. had zero participation January through June (normal after school months), only 50% capacity, and low staffing
 3. Any grant dollars to be used?
 - We are always exploring new grants. Have to be careful on which ones we select to not exempt ourselves from others.
 - Township does not meet criteria on some
 4. Any decisions on the Peer Fit Program through insurance discussed at last meeting?
 - Decided against this program. No way to report accurately and reporting would very time consuming for staff.
 5. Village Theater Ticket Tracking System
 - Ben is exploring new software for a new ticketing system
 - Staff would like to see software in place by December holiday events
 6. Seat Sponsors at the Theater still Happening?
 - Yes, this is another project Ben is finalizing. Hoping to have sponsorship going for the holidays as well and will be an on-going project

- B. Future Meeting Topics
 1. Barn (November)
 2. TR & The BLOCK (January)
 3. Youth Sports (November update)
 4. Partnership for the Arts partnerships with the Township (March)

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Picnic in the Park
 - Scheduled for Friday, September 24, 2021
 - Fireworks display carried over from 2020 – Between 8:00-8:15pm
 - Will have 2 stages for entertainment
 - Food truck vendors – working on getting more

Mossel asked about Alcohol in the Parks Policy

- Greg stated that alcohol policies differ based on if it is being sold or served. Liquor licenses are required to sell and serve.

- B. Master Plan
 - Good Public input
 - Sharing plan with Board of Trustees at the September 21, 2021 Study Session
 - Month of October will be back open for public input before final plan goes to Board to be approved

Krimmer asked about the Summit Feasibility study?

- Feasibility study was put on hold due to COVID but is not gone.
- Plan to take findings to 3 Full Time Elected soon then show to full Board

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Mossel asked about a formal policy on virtual meetings?
 - Borninski mentioned that formal meeting can meet via hybrid through December 31, 2021. Does not believe that is true for smaller meetings such as LSAC.
 - We chose to meet virtually for safety reasons

COMMITTEE MEMBER INSIGHTS & PUBLIC COMMENT

- Falco – Thursday concerts are very successful this year. Any thoughts of expanding and adding for food options?
 - Greg stated that it is a sponsored event that does not bring in a lot of revenue
- Heritage Pond improvement due to rain flushing out the algae and bubblers added to activate the bio-pods to release more bacteria to eliminate algae
- Patriot Park – how often visited by staff?
 - Couple times a week
 - If you see suspicious activity in the park, please call the non-emergency line to report to police
 - Greg will talk with Police Chief to request more frequent drive-by's from patrol
- Shout out to Fellows Creek staff

- 3-day tournament rained out but staff worked to get teams out on Sunday
- Also noticed less phragmites on the course

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 2021