

**CANTON LEISURE SERVICES
LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 19, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: Anthony Davis, Jay Young, Kate Borninski, Robert Mossel, Vijaya Sastry, Sara Rudolf, Chris Falco, Elizabeth Banker, Brooke Franklin, Greg Hohenberger, Jon LaFever, Jessica Bunjik (Recorder)

EXCUSED: Risha Narayanan, Valerie Krimmer

ABSENT: Tom Neuhart, Mike Gulkewicz

A regular meeting of the Canton Leisure Services Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Mossel.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mossel, supported by Young and seconded by Franklin to approve the meeting minutes of November 17, 2021 as presented. Approved – carried unanimously.

III. AGENDA

Motion by Mossel, supported by Falco and seconded by Banker to approve the agenda of January 19, 2022 as presented. Approved – carried unanimously.

IV. DEPARTMENT SHOWCASE

- A. LSAC Overview – primary role is to be an advisory group for the Leisure Services Department
- B. LSAC Committee Member Expectations – there are specific requirements set for the committee members – be involved/engaged
- C. Leisure Services Department Needs
 - Previous meetings - Leisure Services reporting to the committee
 - Would like to find a way to make this committee more effective and provide more insight
 - Want to position the committee to provide information to the Township rather than the township providing information to the committee so that the township can get a different perspective on things like where we could improve or which employees we should recognize.
- D. Proposal
 - Want to give the committee the opportunity to explore all the areas not just the ones they are interested in. We sometime frequent facilities so often that we don't see things anymore.
 - Provide passes to all the facilities throughout the year for the committee or their friend or family can participate in and report back to us.
 - Create a Facility/Program Experience Form that can be filled out and turned in prior to meeting to discuss feedback
 - For example: if our next meeting is at the Summit, you would visit the Summit in the months prior to the meeting and fill out the form (still needs to be created) and then when we meet at the Summit, begin with the formal business, tour the facility and then

discuss all the comments about that facility finishing by talking briefly about the next facility that we will tour next.

- The customer experience is very important and that is what we would like to capture
- It was suggested that we use a Google Doc to make it easier to fill out and submit or survey Monkey
- Sara volunteered to sit at the facilities to gather information as people walk in
 - Jessi will send out the volunteer link to anyone who is interested in volunteering
- The motivation behind this change is to engage the committee more and get back to the true purpose of the committee
- There is no minimum requirement. If you cannot participate, send a friend or a family member. The feedback should be from a community member not necessarily just an LSAC member
- You can submit for any facility at any time. Does not have to be within the two-month window. We would just like to have the information for the facility we are meeting at prior to that meeting
- Link for form can be shared with anyone. Does not have to be just LSAC members
- Overview:
 - Get the form created – Sara and Elizabeth (Jeanette from Township can assist if needed) – make sure to include Google translate
 - First Facility – Summit – 12 Passes per member are available at the front desk on Friday, January 21st
 - Upcoming meetings:
 - March – Summit
 - May – Village Theater
 - July – Parks
 - September – Pheasant Run and Fellows Creek
 - November –?
- Long standing members like the idea of the change and welcome the opportunity to be more engaged

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Preservation Park Barn Update
 - Received funding allocation from insurance – more than expected
 - Wayne County Park Millage Funding will be used towards the barn
 - If still not enough money, we will use general fund dollars
 - Anticipate construction could start late 2022 but probably spring 2023
 - The general design is for the structure to look like a historic barn but modern amenities and to be ADA compliant
 - Cost of the barn will depend on what amenities we want to include, i.e. Bathrooms, heat, etc.
 - There was no formal study done. We looked at what we have been using it for and what we would like to use it for and will determine based off those needs

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Upcoming Events – e-mailed out to committee

COMMITTEE MEMBER INSIGHTS & PUBLIC COMMENT

- Falco asked about Cherry Hill Village Parking – when do we expect new signs, many complaints that they cannot find parking or ADA parking
 - New signs are designed and are in the CIP plans for 2023 but we will try to push it to 2022
 - Falco mentioned that it gets busy from May-June and it would be helpful to have the signs before then
- Sastry asked about renting racquetball courts more than two times a week
 - LaFever stated that the rule was implemented to provide fair playing time amongst patrons but he will look into the reasoning behind two times a week and not three
- Sastry asked about the pool availability for non-lap usage
 - LaFever mentioned that there is an area in the lap pool that is available for other pool activities.
 - Side note, we are always looking for swim instructors and lifeguards – would use interns
 - The Township is working on a part time wage scale increase to help get more applicants
 - Currently, the temporary increase is through March
 - Brooke mentioned working with Local Impact Alliance and the Chamber on internship connections
- Falco asked about the results of the part time employee survey
 - 179 responses
 - Greg stated that most employees were satisfied with the wage increase
 - Besides wage increase, other benefits sought after were health benefits, Summit memberships and certification reimbursement
 - Leisure Services is recommending to formalize the Summit memberships to new employees (already get but probably just don't know)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 2022