

**CANTON LEISURE SERVICES
LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 20, 2022**

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

A regular meeting of the Canton Leisure Services Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Vice Chair Krimmer.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Krimmer, supported by Falco and seconded by Borninski to approve the meeting minutes of March 16, 2022, as presented. Approved – carried unanimously.

III. AGENDA

Motion by Krimmer, supported by Franklin and seconded by Falco to approve the agenda of July 20, 2022, as presented. Approved – carried unanimously.

IV. Follow Up Items

A. Mobile App check-in at the Summit

- We took the feedback from the Summit walk through and worked with the IT department on getting a computer at the Summit front desk that is strictly for mobile app check-ins to be more efficient

V. EVALUATIONS

- Valerie was having issues submitting more than one survey. Jessi will investigate.
- Pheasant Run cart path conditions
 - Bids for cart path replacement are due on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 3pm
 - Will be doing 9 holes each year for the next 3 years
 - Work will begin after Labor Day
 - Will replace with asphalt in most areas but some areas might use concrete depending on the wear and tear
 - Will shut down the North 9 holes first subject to Board approval
- Fellows Creek
 - Bids are out for Fellows Creek cart path as well
- Revenue from Pheasant Run
 - 2022 revenue has increased from 2021
 - Green Fee's and Pro Shop numbers are down slightly from 2021
 - Food/Beverage and Range numbers are up from 2021
 - Total up about \$35,000 from 2021 so far
- There has been an increase with younger golfers since the pandemic

- St Johns has closed their course for renovations which has brought additional leagues to Canton's courses.
- Parks
 - Risha had her graduation party at the North Pavilion in Heritage Park and stated there was plenty of space
 - Flodin splashpad
 - This splashpad has been shut down due to continuous maintenance and repairs
 - Flodin splashpad runs off well-water which has a lot of minerals causing excessive wear on the parts
 - The two options to keep it open are: 1) Use township water which is costly and wasteful due to run off water into the sewers (about \$100k/year) or recycle the water like we do at the Summit splashpad, but that water would be required by the state of Michigan to be chlorinated and treated like a pool which would then require a restroom. In this case the water would have to be checked 3 times a day and we do not have the staff available at Flodin like the Summit to do this. These costs would range from \$400-500k
 - Greg stated there is no intention of fixing the splashpad as it is a neighborhood park, not a community park
 - Committee would like to explore expanding the splash pad at Heritage Park. This idea is based on the long-standing principle that Leisure Services should strive to expand its successful, popular programs, at a time when the closure of the Flodin pad (while unavoidable) has reduced the capacity of a very popular program. Since Canton currently does not have an outdoor community pool (but is listed as an amenity in the Masterplan), the splashpads are a good outdoor feature for the community.
 - Canton does have bids out to get shade sails put in at the splashpad in Heritage Park
 - Flodin Tennis courts – needs to be sealed and resurfaced
- Liberty Fest
 - Successful year with fireworks on Friday
 - 2022 had record breaking sales. The total amount earned was between \$210-\$215k
 - Canton hired a company to do a data analysis report via Bluetooth to help with future sponsorships
 - Liberty Fest had approximately 70,000 unique individuals come to the festival on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
 - Approximately 30,000 of these were from Canton Township
 - The average length of stay was 144 minutes

VI. PRESERVATION PARK REDESIGN

- Barn
 - There are plans to rebuild the barn
 - Will be about the same size in order to use the original footings

- The new facility will look and feel like the old facility, but we are not trying to replicate it
- Would like to add features that the old barn did not have, such as heating and cooling, fire suppression, etc.
- Would like to make it so it can be used for the farmers market vendors and other events
- Most of the historic artifacts were lost but some were saved. The saved structural pieces are going to be used in the new facility if possible
- Preservation Park
 - Larger plans for Cherry Hill Village downtown area
 - Clerk Siegrist has a vision on creating a park in the village area where the Cherry Hill school is located
 - There is also a park planned to be developed behind the Village Arts Factory
 - More commercial development in the Cherry Hill Village area
 - The historic schoolhouse is proposed to be moved to Preservation Park facing Ridge Rd. Will cut into the parking lot a bit so added parking will be necessary
 - Funding for the schoolhouse move is through Wayne County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which has specific guidelines
 - The facility on the corner of Cherry Hill and S. Ridge will be used as a Therapeutic Recreation, Youth, and Teen center in addition to the Summit space
- Ridge Road Park (formally Patriot Park)
 - Designed to start in 2022. Plan to bid out in the fall and start construction in the spring 2023
 - Leisure Services just did a MasterPlan for Ridge Road Park
 - Most likely will start with parking and trails
- Fire Station 2
 - Add a playground and outdoor fitness area with shade structure
 - Plan to construct next year with Township ARPA funds and general funds
- Other
 - The part time wage scale increase did not help with hiring as we hoped it would have.
 - Greg working to get some Full-Time positions added to help relieve the low staffing we have with Part time and seasonal staffing

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER INSIGHTS & PUBLIC COMMENT

Brooke

- Feels there is value to using the data analytics for sponsorships

Mike

- Proposed that we develop a Strategic Priorities Planning Process
 - Develop a process on how best to go about setting strategic priorities, so all proposals would be evaluated on a consistent basis.
 - Committee to create a well-thought-out set of criteria by which all projects could be ranked against one another in order to ensure that the best go first, and that scarce resources are used wisely to serve Community interests.
- Next meeting discuss the projects including the Summit and CIP

- Work towards facilitating a discussion between LSAC and the Board of Trustees

Risha

- This is Risha's last meeting as the youth advisor.
- Next Youth advisor will be a member of the Youth Advisory Committee

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm, supported by Falco and seconded by Franklin.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2022