

**CANTON LEISURE SERVICES
LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 18, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: Ken Harris, Anthony Davis, Brooke Franklin, Jay Young, Kate Borninski, Robert Mossel, Mike Gulkewicz, Greg Hohenberger, Jessica Bunjik (Recorder)

EXCUSED: Jon LaFever, Tom Neuhart, Valerie Krimmer

A regular meeting of the Canton Leisure Services Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Mossel.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mossel, supported by Harris to approve the meeting minutes of March 17, 2021 as presented. Approved – carried unanimously.

III. AGENDA

Motion by Mossel, supported by Harris to approve the agenda of May 18, 2021 as presented. Approved – carried unanimously.

IV. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Vijaya Sastry – “Vijay”, resident since 1997
- Sara Rudolf – New resident, volunteer, philanthropy
- Chris Falco – 43-year resident, former IT
- Elizabeth Banker – “Beth”, resident for 5 years, teacher
- Risha Narayanan – Canton resident whole life, Junior at Plymouth High School, volunteers

V. DEPARTMENT SHOWCASE

A. Golf Presentation for Fellows Creek

- Maintenance costs were lower during the pandemic
- No COVID Issues with staff
- Demographics have changed – more women and Juniors
- Added signage could help let people know they are there
- Home course for two Westland high school teams

Golf Presentation for Pheasant Run

- Pesticides at the course only spot treat
- Maintenance costs lower – used staff and other employees to work the course during the pandemic
- One high school team uses for practice
- Hiring difficulties for grill cooks and operators. Other positions are doing ok
- Applications in total have decreased since pandemic
- Complaints on loud and inappropriate music, fishing and walkers, getting a tee time:

- The demand for golf has increased. Rangers are out but very busy with a lot of area to cover.
- Demographics have changed – much younger who play golf as a pastime. Signs have been placed on the carts asking golfers to keep voices and music down on the course. Leagues are reminded to respect the residents who live on the course.
- Many people used the cart paths to walk during COVID. It is very dangerous for people to be walking while golfers are out. Signs are posted at the road entry ways asking people to not walk on paths.
- Suggestion to educate – use Facebook and Nextdoor to inform people not to use cart paths for walking. Many people don't know.
- Try to educate on dress code and etiquette
- Use special enforcement to monitor traffic. Many cars running stop signs.
- Next meeting – Under 'New Business' discuss Communication (Nextdoor and Facebook)

B. Future Meeting Topics

- Propose – Cherry Hill Village Area
 - Village Factory
 - Theater
 - Preservation Park Pavilion

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. COVID Vaccination

- 8 weeks of vaccination held at the Summit
- First 2 weeks administered 1000 each day, 3rd week opened it up to walk-ins and night and still did not use all 1000 shots.
- Transitioned to second round of shots
- About 9,000 shots administered in total at the Summit
- Program has been terminated at the Summit because the vaccine is now available at other locations
- Many Canton departments were involved in running the vaccination site along with many volunteers
- Still have a testing trailer at the Heritage Park North Pavilion
 - Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday Mornings

B. Liberty Fest

- Since there have been no changes in the capacity of outdoor gatherings, Liberty Fest 2021 has been canceled.
- The hope and goal is to do a community celebration in the fall with fireworks since the company is allowing us to use the money paid in 2020 towards 2021.
- Looking into possibly doing a week of activities with fireworks on the last day
- Open to looking at partnerships in a different capacity such as the pancake breakfast and liberty fest run
- B4 is still happening as planned

- Look into live streaming concerts or taking donations online or pre-register for events such as International Fest
 - Careful not to conflict with Fall Fest in Plymouth
- C. Summit Operations
- Mask requirements have changed for outdoor gatherings
 - Canton is waiting for clarification from MDHHS and CDC before changing our requirements
 - Canton still requiring masks to be worn
 - Copper roof is completed
 - Water has been put in the pools
 - Working on re-certifying lifeguards
 - June 1st is projected re-open date for lap pool and spa
 - Residents will have to register a spot online to swim. One person per lane.
 - Spa is losing water. Trying to determine where the leak is
 - Splashpad (Heritage and Flodin) to re-open Memorial Weekend
 - Summit still has lower participation (about 25%-30%). Expecting numbers to go up once amenities start to open
 - Membership reactivation will restart when you return to the Summit. Once amenities are open, they will restart all memberships regardless of use.
- D. CIP Project Update
- Discuss more at September meeting
 - Brad Sharp retired – ran all capital improvement projects
 - 5-year CIP in progress
 - Projects such as – Summit roofs, track, lockers. Pathways, parking lots, heating & Cooling, etc.
 - Canton Sports Center has done many improvements on their own that are non-CIP
- E. Masterplan
- Community Survey at the end of 2018 to determine community needs
 - 2021 Master Plan and 2022 Strategic Plan
 - There are going to be opportunities to have input on the Masterplan with open houses for the public and roundtables for specific groups (including LSAC)
 - The Master Plan is a guiding document for physical assets
 - Requirement for DNR for any grants
 - NRPA requirement for accreditation
 - The strategic Plan is for operational & Program focus
 - Jessi to send dates to group once they are determined to see who would be interested in serving in a focus group.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Peer Fit

- Programs through insurance companies to pay for senior or 55+ summit memberships
- Had Silver & Fit in the past but are no longer in the area

- No cost to the Summit
- Users are required to attend at least once a month
- Staff must provide reporting to Peer Fit
- Summit will receive \$23 per membership including residents and non-residents
- This is about a \$10 loss for resident cost and about \$30 loss for non-residents
- Cannot upcharge for nonresidents to make up the difference
- Prior to the pandemic, Summit was dealing with overcrowding. Currently at 25-33%.
- Looking for group's perspective:
 - Chris Falco is a member of a similar program. Great for the user. Will send Greg info on his program. If predict we are going to get back to normal and be overcrowded, we do not need this type of program
 - Vijay – Unsure about the report and sharing information
 - Beth – Concerned it's more work than it's worth
 - Rob – Concerned if we accept one we will have to accept all. Summit needs to take its time and find the right fit

COMMITTEE MEMBER INSIGHTS & PUBLIC COMMENT

- Brooke – Thank you to Greg and his team during COVID
- Chris – Vaccination clinic – blown away with logistics, very well run
- Rob – Parks are full – increased usage
- Park evaluations – Jessi sends out with agenda for members to fill out on their experiences in parks and facilities. Send to Jessi once complete
- Vijay – Loves the nature trails in Patriot Park
 - Greg mentioned that one of the Boards goals is to keep Patriot Park natural 80/20. Patriot Park is part of the Master Plan.
- Greg- need to keep people using the parks like they were during the pandemic
- Sara – Bingo and scavenger hunts were very enjoyable. – great programs to keep community involved safely
- Beth – asked about Grub Crawl (done through the Chamber)
 - Metro Parks and State parks have no affiliation with Canton.
 - Canton does get 10% back from Wayne County for Parks Millage each year
 - Orienteering - committee puts on adventure races. Interested in Canton hosting events
 - SMOC - Southern Michigan Orienteering Club

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 21, 2021