

**CANTON LEISURE SERVICES  
LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
September 21, 2022**

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

A regular meeting of the Canton Leisure Services Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice Chair Krimmer.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Krimmer, supported by Borninski and seconded by Banker to approve the meeting minutes of July 20, 2022, as presented. Approved – carried unanimously.

**III. AGENDA**

Motion by Krimmer, supported by Banker and seconded by Young to approve the agenda of September 21, 2022, as presented. Approved – carried unanimously.

**IV. Department Updates**

A. Evaluation Results

- No evaluation results since July's meeting
- Passes handed out to other by members will remind their users to fill out the evaluations
- The point of the passes was to get members to go to facilities to solicit feedback
- Next meeting, we will offer a hybrid option to get more attendance at meetings
- Prior to November meeting, we will look at attendance history and make some decisions on revamping this group
- Jessi will send an Information e-mail to committee including the survey Link and park evaluation form

B. Park Updates

- At the last Board Meeting the Board of Trustees approved a contract for improvements to Northeast Playground at Heritage Park
  - About \$200k total with \$140k coming from CDBG funding and the rest from the general fund.
  - Accessible swings and accessible pathway
  - Work could potentially begin this fall
- Board also approved a Contract for adding 4 shade sails and hydro stations around the splashpad in Heritage Park
  - Funded in part by Wayne County Park Millage Funding - \$132k
  - Total cost \$218k – rest funded through general fund
  - Looked at ways to reduce project cost to meet \$132 budget but Board opted to do full project

- Same timeline as above
- Grant applied for early spring for fruit trees and blueberry bushes to be planted in Preservation Park
  - Federally funded
  - Partner with local provider to help maintain
  - Use fruit for food banks once it's usable (will take many years)
- Barn Replacement
  - Preliminary design approved by small committee comprised of key staff and other outside groups such as the Historic District Committee
  - Work on more definitive pricing and move onto construction phase
  - Design includes a four seasons barn with two restrooms, a polished concrete floor, and a large overhang off front of structure
  - \$1.2-\$1.5M range
  - Plans for funding: Insurance, Wayne County Parks = \$500k
    - Larger project being submitted to Wayne County for CHV to get Wayne County ARPA Funds – some would be used for this project to get to \$1M. Twp will put in the rest
    - Construction to start next year – depend on funding
- Waldecker Barn
  - Dick Waldecker – does some farming out in that area and wants to donate \$50k funds to build a storage barn for his equipment
  - On the Preservation Park MasterPlan
  - Got a full design from Chelsea lumber
  - Updates to the barn need to be made to fit the Cherry Hill Village standards
  - Store equipment for community gardens, parks equipment, etc.
  - Township willing to pay for upgrades required
  - Potential build this fall or next spring
- Fire II Park
  - Park next to Fire Station II
  - Concept design
  - Looking to award first engineering and construction Management at the October 11, 2022 Board Meeting
  - Work to begin early spring 2023
- Ridge Road Park
  - Board allocated \$1M in 2023 budget for phase I of construction
  - \$1M of State funding in addition to Township funding (\$2M total)
  - Potential for additional funding
  - Phase I – infrastructure
  - Partners In Architecture (PIA) will be doing the engineering and concept
  - July 2023 to start

## V. New Business

- Tree Educational Seminar
  - Work with arborist on educating residents on tree planting, care, and maintenance
  - Include biodiversity education

- Maybe do around Arbor Day or Earth Day
- Possible annual tree planting at Ridge Road Park
- Reach out to HOA's to participate in education

- **Strategic Prioritization Planning Process**

- Future meeting discussion
- Projects should receive equal evaluation
- Despite funding, what is the priority to the community -best use
- Requirements of long-term plan – maintenance of these new parks
- Purpose of committee is to advise and advocate
- Committee to recommend the priority to the Board of Trustees
- A similar process was done through McKenna already
- LSAC to meet and create a tool that prioritizes projects to be used for evaluating all future projects and programs
- Go to the Board to explain the tool and process before there's an issue
  - i. Use the Project & Operations Supervisor to help develop tool
  - ii. Create a subcommittee to develop first steps

**VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER INSIGHTS & PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Discussion to move schoolhouse to Preservation Park
  - This was an idea of Clerk Siegrist's but may not be considering this anymore
- Theater – issues with lack of volunteers
  - Need to advertise for volunteers – call out
- Tennis Courts – resurfaced
  - Already set up and ready to go – waiting on contractor
- Village Theater Seat Sponsorship
  - Idea was to sell this season
  - Pulling together Canton Produced shows to go along with the offering
  - Will be advertised in the FOCUS
  - Pricing is the same as last round in 2003
- By-Laws
  - From 2005
  - Time to review
  - Jessi will send with minutes to review
  - Send Jessi your edits prior to meeting for discussion points

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm, supported by Banker and seconded by Young.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 16, 2022