

Leisure Services Advisory Committee Meeting (Zoom) Minutes February 3, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Chairman Keith Finck. Minutes prepared by Jim Findley.

All members were present except David Kaloupek and Kim Pigoga. Also in attendance were Ralph Mollis, Town Manager and Lisa Hunter, public participant (for part of the meeting).

Minutes of the October 20, 2021 meeting were approved with the following correction:

- The Allen's Harbor "current account has a positive \$300k balance".
- A copy of the corrected minutes is attached

Proposed Recreation Ordinance Changes

The main purpose of this meeting was to review the Recreation Ordinance Changes that Chelsea presented to the Town Council on January 24, 2022. The driving force behind these changes were several issues that have come up over the past year in the recreational areas. The goal of these changes is to make the ordinance clearer and bring it up to date.

Chelsey presented a revised proposal in the meeting. Several points came up in the discussion:

- Much of the language mirrors what is in South Kingston and other town ordinances.
- The restriction on 3" knives has been dropped.
- Jeff suggested that "service animals" be changed to "service dogs". Dogs are the only ADA approved service animals.
- It might be clearer to say that fires need to be supervised by "someone over 18" rather than a "competent person".
- Ralph pointed out that a clear ordinance will help with police enforcement.
- It might be useful to have a sign at the entrance to the parks that summarized the key regulations.

The revised proposal received unanimous support except for the sections dealing with firearms and other weapons. (13-5 (b) 1, 2 and 3). The committee could not reach a consensus on these issues and recommended that they be resolved by the Town Council.

Other

Chelsey reported that the indoor recreation center continues to be moving forward. A feasibility study is underway. Post Road locations are being considered.

Ed suggested that we show up at Town Council meetings to support the rec center since there is already some opposition to it because of the cost.

Chelsey is also working on a revamp of the community center.

The next LSAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for **March 17**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.