

Leisure Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 17, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Keith Finck. Minutes prepared by Jim Findley.

All members were present except Kim Pigoga and Jeff Smith, who had excused absences. Also in attendance was Dan McDermott, Golf Course Superintendent. (Almost all members wore green, in honor of Saint Patrick's Day.)

Keith introduced new member, Dave Kaloupek.

Minutes of the February 3, 2022 meeting were approved.

Allen Harbor (Rich Lipsitz)

- Other towns are considering possible ordinance changes to address concerns about houseboats taking away dock and mooring space from power boats and sailboats.
- Dredging is still scheduled for this fall.
- There is still a long waiting list for slips and moorings.

NK Golf Course (George Linnane)

- The course is already very busy!
- Four electric vehicle changing stations will be installed, funded by the Federal Government at a cost of \$200k.
- The restaurant contract has been renewed for 1 year.

NK Golf Course Update (Dan McDermott gave an excellent presentation summarizing the improvements being made to the golf course.) A few highlights:

- It takes a tremendous amount of work every day to maintain the greens and fairways. (Seeding, fertilizing, aerating, dethatching, mowing, blowing ...)
- Drainage is always a problem and has been aggravated by the new buildings near the course.
- Dan presented a plan for the course when he was hired four years ago and has made significant progress towards his long run goals:
 - Many tee boxes have been rebuilt
 - Brush and trees have been removed to make the course more playable and easier to maintain.
 - The clubhouse has been repainted
 - A concrete pad with mats is being considered for the driving range so it can be used year-round.
- Getting golf course equipment is a challenge because of production delays. However, Dan has been able to share equipment with other golf courses and with the new NK Field Maintenance Department.
- (We were very impressed with Dan's expertise and dedication! We are very fortunate to have him as our superintendent!)

Indoor Recreation Center (Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs)

- Still has momentum
- Finding a suitable location is the biggest challenge at this point. Sixteen possible town property locations were considered, but only one (Signal Rock) is still viable. Three other properties are being investigated.

Other Recreation Department Activities (Chelsey)

- No issues were raised after the first reading of the revised ordinance.
- Summer camp registrations opened earlier this week and are already full. Additional spots will be available if more staff can be found.
- Planning for the Town Beach improvements is underway

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.