

## **Leisure Services Advisory Committee Minutes, Zoom Meeting, June 17, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 7:08 by Chairman Keith Finck. Minutes prepared by Jim Findley.

All members were present except for Anne-Marie Balboni. Jim Halley has resigned from the committee.

Minutes of the May 21, 2021 meeting were approved.

### **NK Golf Course** (George Linnane)

- The golf course continues to be quite busy, with many days having more than 300 rounds.

### **Other Recreation Department Activities.** (Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs)

- The splash park opened on 5/20.
- All playgrounds are off to a good start.
- 180 artists will be participating in the Wickford Art Show. The booths will be set up next to the athletic field with the new drainage system.
- Planning is underway to upgrade the pickleball courts.

### **Allen's Harbor** (Rich Lipsitz)

- All the slips and moorings are being used and have substantial waiting lists.
- Dredging won't take place until December at the earliest, due in part to concerns about disturbing fish habitat.

### **Indoor Recreation Center** (Jeff Smith)

- Still waiting for architect's design ideas.
- Town Council wants private funding to pay for the center.
- The cost will probably be in the \$6-8 million range.
- Tom pointed out that we'll need a 401 3c corporation for fund raising.
- Jim Findley volunteered to help with fund-raising.
- We should be ready to set up a permanent committee of interested parties by spring, 2022.

### **Mill Creek/Bush Hill Foot Bridge**

- Has some obscene graffiti on the bannisters.
- Keith will check into having the bridge covered by the police bike patrol.

### **Chaffee Preserve (Rome Point) Bulletin Board** (Jim Findley)

- There is a well-built bulletin board at the entrance to the preserve that is not being used.
- Jim asked the committee if it would be ok if he tried to find a way to get useful information on the bulletin board such as the background of the preserve, a trail map, a guide to the birds and animals, information on the oyster farm, etc.

- The preserve is run by the state. George and Kim said they would help Jim figure out whom he should contact.

**Under 40 Membership at NK Golf Course.** (Tom Reilly)

- There are currently 17 Under 40 memberships.
- We will review the rates at the end of the year, at which point we can decide what to do about the Under 40 rate.
- However, our recommendations are still subject to Town Council approval.

**Next Meeting:** Will be via Zoom, subject to change.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53.