

## Leisure Services Advisory Committee Minutes, Zoom Meeting, August 20, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Chairman Keith Finck. Minutes prepared by Jim Findley.

All members present except for Jim Haley, Town Council Rep Kerry McKay and Mike McGovern, who has resigned. A possible replacement is in the pipeline.

Also in attendance were John Rainone, NK Golf Course Operations Manager and Dan McDermott, Course Superintendent

Minutes of the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

### **NK Golf Course Operations.** (John Rainone)

- Revenues. As a result of Covid 19, the course is on track to have one of its best years in recent history. Other courses are seeing similar jumps.
- John provided an excellent breakout of revenues by month, type of activity, e.g. greens fees, carts, driving range, etc. and type of player, e.g. weekend/weekday, senior/junior, resident, etc. **Action:** John will provide an additional breakout of the type of rounds by the type of player, e.g. Weekend 18 by resident, non-resident, senior, under 40, member, non-member.
- The proposed new rates were approved. They are expected to result in an \$61,700 increase in annual revenue.
- There was some discussion about the legality of the “under 40” discount. John pointed out that almost all courses offer this. **Action:** Chelsey will check with legal to make sure we’re ok.
- John requested that the committee provide a clear definition of “resident”. He gave a recent example where a non-resident brought in an 11-year-old NK tax bill and asked for the resident rate. We decided to essentially follow the criteria used for Beach stickers: a resident is someone who owns or rents a home in NK or pays current taxes for a business located in NK. **Action:** Chelsey will work out the details.

### **NK Golf Course and Grounds.** (Dan McDermott)

- Dan gave an excellent PPT presentation on the changes to the golf course over the past few years. All of the golfers in the meeting agreed that these changes have made the course a lot more fun to play. Thank you, Dan and John!
- He then reviewed some of his ideas for improvement for the next few years. They include further improvement to greens, tee boxes and fairway drainage.
- He recently discovered a problem with the holding pond. The output dropped from 850 gallons per minute to 400 GPM. After some detective work they discovered that bottom weeds were clogging the intake to the pump. The

problem was instantly solved by cutting back the week,weeds but a more elegant solution may be necessary in the future.

**Allen's Harbor** (George Linnane)

- Still going gangbusters!

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

- Thursday concerts are back on because of their smaller audiences.
- We've had to cancel several Community Center events because of the new state guidelines.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47.