



MT. LEBANON
PENNSYLVANIA

**Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 1st, 2015 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building Room C**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Beal called the meeting to order, and proceeded with the roll call. The meeting was attended by Hugh Beal, Pam Burrett, Jonathan Farrell, and Elaine Kramer.

The meeting was also attended by Commissioner Silverman, the Director of Public Works, Rudy Sukal, and the Facilities & Parks Coordinator, Phillip Avolio.

Ron Block, Carrie Beck, and Megan Zadecky were absent.

II. Citizens Comments

Kimberly Schevtchuk spoke about her concerns with rifle shooting in the parks and private property.

Mr. Beal states that the agenda item of Deer in the Parks was requested to be on the agenda, and it has and will continue to be in the future. Mr. Beal asks that Mr. Silverman continue to provide updates on current and proposed programs and developments.

III. Approval of November 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Farrell and a second by Ms. Kramer to accept the November 3rd minutes as submitted. The motion was passed, and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

IV. Robb Hollow

- Funding within the Capital Budget
- New Dog Park Plans

Mr. Beal asks inquired about the amount of money that is above the line for the funding of Robb Hollow.

Mr. Sukal States that there is \$132,000.00 available, but reminds the group that this number is not final until the outcome of the December 8th budget meeting.

Mr. Silverman adds that there is also \$37,000.00 that has carried over from other Robb Hollow projects.

Mr. Silverman reviewed the two concepts for the new Dog Park with the group. He states that both proposals include two enclosures, but the newer concept is closer to

Painters Run Road and Cedar Blvd. and a bit larger. The newer concept greens less of the Act 70 land than the first concept.

Mr. Sukal also expresses his concern for the safety of residents, by hoping to avoid travel through the Public Works Yard to access the proposed Dog Park. He states that the newer concept would provide a better separation from Public Works Operations, and Park users.

Ms. Burrett states that access to the trails from the entrance of the newer concept will be difficult given the steep terrain.

Mr. Beal states that it is the position of the Parks Advisory Board to maintain the line at 1283 Cedar Blvd. and utilize existing funds in the Capital Budget and Unassigned Funds to green that space.

Mr. Silverman reminds the group that the \$132,000.00 are funds used to Green Robb Hollow, and the unassigned \$37,000.00 is geared towards the park's trails.

V. Remaining Capital Budget Issues

Mr. Beal reports that both the Rob Hollow and Rockwood projects are both above the line.

Mr. Silverman confirms.

Mr. Sukal adds, that the re-surfacing of the Commissioners Lot will also be completed in 2016. He also reports that he did emphasize the importance of the inoperable lighting in the Main Park to the commission.

Mr. Sukal stated that the Commission suggested a possible joint meeting between the Sports Advisory & Parks Advisory Boards, to discuss areas such as Williamsburg Park. The two groups might want to consider if the functions of each park are still the intentions when moving forward with Capital Improvements.

Mr. Farrell states that he will reach out to David Donnellan about this topic.

VI. High Visibility Plantings

Mr. Sukal reported that the proposed budget will allow for additional contracted Flower Beds. The initial inventory of beds from the past year and a half is 99 total Flower Beds. He states that out of those 99 beds, 18 were grassed over when the budget was trimmed a few years ago. There are currently 28 beds maintained by volunteers, with the municipality providing mulch delivery and removal of weed piles to some areas.

Mr. Sukal states that there are 18 beds currently classified as "Available". He tells the group that Mr. Avolio and himself will be creating a database to get a better picture of what is existing, and what beds may be of interest to add to a contracted service. His hopes are to provide information to align the Board's recommendation of additional contracted beds moving forward.

VII. Deer in the Parks

Mr. Beal states that Deer in the Parks was covered in length during Citizen Comments, and asks if there are any further questions.

Ms. Burrett asks if the program has been successful.

Mr. Silverman replies that it is still on going, and there will be more information after the December through January Archery season has ended.

Mr. Beal asks if there has been anyone hurt; either Hunters, or Park users.

Mr. Silverman states that he spoke with the Police Chief, and there has not been any reports of an incident.

VIII. 2016 Meeting Dates

Mr. Sukal asks the Board if they would like to continue the same format for the 2016 meetings, by holding meetings on the first Tuesday of every month.

The Board agreed to keep the same meeting date format for 2016

Ms. Kramer asks if the group will take off a busy month in the summer, due to heavy vacation and Holiday time off. The board agreed not to hold the July 2016 meeting.

IX. New Business

Mr. Farrell reports that a Scout Volunteer is repairing the wooden steps at Twin Hills Park.

Mr. Beal thanked Mr. Sukal for his efforts on restoring the sewer pipe repair site at Bird Park. He reports that the grass came up and the trees look great.

Mr. Farrell thanked Mr. Sukal for aiding in the tree plantings over the past few weekends. He reports that the planting is almost complete, they are waiting on two more trees.

Mr. Silverman asks if there is an update on the deep planting of a tree at Cedar and Greenhurst.

Mr. Sukal reports that he spoke with the contractor, and they will pull the tree up to correct the planting depth.

X. Announcement

Mr. Beal announced that he has been elected to the School Board, and he will have to step down from the Parks Advisory Board. He thanked everyone for their hard work and involvement. The group thanked Mr. Beal for his efforts, and wished him luck on his new position.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Kramer, and a second by Mr. Farrell to adjourn the meeting, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.