

Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2016 - 8:00 p.m.

Municipal Building Room C

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Walt Henry called the meeting to order and David Donnellan called the roll. The meeting was attended by Board members Brian Auer, Chip Dalesandro, Dave Franklin, Stacey Franklin, Chris Heck, Walt Henry and Joy Pajak. The meeting was also attended by Commissioner Dave Brumfield and Recreation Director David Donnellan.

Dale Cable, Chris Curran, Scott Foor, Don Gavett, Dave Klasnick and Jim Menegazzi were absent.

2. Election of Chair

Chris Curran was elected Chair.

3. Election of Vice Chair

Walt Henry was elected Vice Chair

4. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

5. Approval of the November 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

6. Williamsburg Park Improvements

Jonathan Farrell, from the Parks Advisory Board addressed the board members regarding potential improvements to Williamsburg Park. He said his goal was to gather input from the public and the Sports Advisory Board. Mr. Farrell told the members that \$137,500 was allotted in 2017 for Williamsburg Park improvements in the 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

He said the tennis and basketball courts were in need of resurfacing and new fencing. He said it would be possible to reconfigure the courts to maximize their utility for local residents. He mentioned that feedback could be received through an online link or survey, and that there could be a joint meeting of the Parks and

Sports Advisory Boards where residents could attend and provide input. Commissioner Brumfield suggested a public meeting on site to gather community opinions.

The board generally agreed that having survey data would be important. Mr. Donnellan said he would investigate the feasibility of an electronic survey. Suggested questions could be emailed directly to Mr. Donnellan, and he will create a draft survey for review by both boards. A rough timeline was established with the following goals: draft the survey by April, have the survey completed by May, have an onsite meeting in May, and completing the input process by June. This would allow for Commission approval in November for the 2017 budget.

7. Possible Joint Meeting with the Parks Advisory

Mr. Donnellan asked if there was interest in having a joint meeting to discuss projects that may potentially overlap.

Mr. Brumfield stated that it would be helpful if the boards worked together on certain issues that may benefit from input by both boards. He said it may be on an as needed basis, or could be planned once annually. He said it was essential that the boards communicate on planned projects to take advantage of potential savings and avoid conflicting goals.

The board discussed the difference in interests of the respective boards. The Sports Advisory Board's focus is on the maintenance and development of sports related facilities, while the Parks Advisory Board is focused on parks and playgrounds.

The board members agreed that it is beneficial for the Sports Advisory Board and the Parks Advisory Board to work together on certain issues pertaining to park improvements. The consensus was to send a liaison to each board's meetings as necessary.

8. Funded 2016 Sports Related Improvement Projects

Mr. Donnellan reviewed the list of approved projects in the 2016 budget as follows:

Tennis Center Sidewalk and Electrical Panel Replacement Project (\$137,000) is scheduled to begin in early spring.

The Platform Tennis Court Replacement Project (\$240,000) must be completed prior to September to allow for the platform season to begin.

The Ice Rink Lobby Flooring Replacement Project (\$120,000) will be done in the summer of 2016.

The Golf Cart Path Improvements Project (\$48,500) will be scheduled for fall of 2016.

A golf course sprayer was funded for \$37,000.

Clubhouse painting was funded at \$3,000 to complete the painting that was started last year at the golf course.

An auto-scrubber will be purchased for the community center for \$7,000 to handle the second floor of the recreation center.

The tennis center gazebo will be updated with paint and a new roof for \$6,500.

The hitting and kicking wall was funded for \$10,080. Mr. Donnellan asked for confirmation that the board wanted to see the wall built at Brafferton field. The board agreed that it made sense to construct the wall at Brafferton due to engineering already done on that site. The location would be along the fence-line between the field and the basketball courts and would allow access from both sides.

9. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

10. Announcements

Mr. Donnellan announced that the semiannual field scheduling meeting would be held on January 14 at 4:00 p.m. in Room B of the recreation center.

Joy Pajak announced that it was her last meeting to serve on the board. Mr. Brumfield announced that Chris Curran had asked to be reappointed.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.