



MT. LEBANON
PENNSYLVANIA

**Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 5th, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.
Municipal Building Room C**

I. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum

Mr. Farrell called the meeting to order and proceeded with the Roll Call. The meeting was attended by Richard Heyse, Pam Burrett, Ron Block, Jonathan Farrell, Elaine Kramer, and Megan Zadecky

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

Carrie Beck was absent.

II. Citizen Comments

No Citizen Comments to Report

III. Approval of March 1st, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Farrell asked the group to please review the March 2016 meeting minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Heyse and a second by Mr. Block to approve minutes as written. The motion passed, and the minutes were accepted.

IV. Park Assessments: Twin Hills / Highland Terrace

Mr. Farrell asked the group for their feedback on the three parks that were designated for site visits.

Twin Hills

The entire group showed concern with the amount of invasive species within the park.

Ms. Kramer added that the citizens she spoke with all had generally positive feedback about the condition of the trails and addition of the foot bridges

Ms. Burrett mentioned that she would like to see a bridge along the lower perimeter to cross the stream. She also would like to see some of the funding and effort that went into Bird Park start to make its way to Twin Hills in terms of invasive removal.

Ms. Zadecky stated that she thought the Park could use some additional signage as well

Mr. Block updated the group on the Scout Projects that would be going on this year in Twin Hills

Highland Terrace

Mr. Sukal reviewed the history of the park. He explained that it was moved to the other side of the street after it was realized that access to the park was through private property.

Ms. Kramer reported several maintenance items, and stated that she thought the court was in great shape and the sidewalk access was nice to see

Mr. Block noted the need for new trees in this park

V. Eagle Scout Projects

Mr. Sukal presented a rendering for an Information Structure that a Scout would like to build in Bird Park to house a park map

Mr. Farrell made a motion and a second by Ms. Burrett to approve the proposed informational Kiosk to be installed at the Beadling Lot at Bird Park. The motion passed and the project was accepted by the Board.

Mr. Heyse explained the qualifications and guidelines for Eagle Projects and Service Projects to the group.

Mr. Sukal spoke to the group about the funding of the scout projects by the Municipality, stating that there is not a dedicated funding for these projects, and most of them came out of a general maintenance line item. He shared with the group his appreciation of all of the hard work and results, but suggested forming some kind of parameter for the dollars allocated to each project.

The group agreed that a Municipal contribution of \$500 per project is more than reasonable

VI. New Business

Mr. Farrell reviewed with the group the proposed area that Pittsburgh Grazers is going to present to the Commission for Goat Invasive Removal. He reports that Public Works would need to install roughly 1800' of orange safety fencing, just to alert citizens of the low voltage fence that keeps the goats inside the desired area.

Ms. Kramer made a motion, and a second by Ms. Zadecky to support the Goat Project for 2016 in Bird Park. The motion passed and the proposed plan was accepted.

VII. Old Business

Mr. Sukal reviewed last meeting's concerns about the possible wash-out area in Iroquois Park. He noted that the erosion is actually from an outfall pipe that is fed from the State road. The road actually slopes towards the houses.

Mr. Sukal also reported on the light pole issue at the Galleria as well as the Outfall with the twisted grate. He reported that both of these items have been turned over to the Inspections Department, as they are actually the responsibility of the Galleria

Mr. Sukal noted that a fencing contractor will be brought in to price an extension of fencing for Country Club Park to keep the basketballs from rolling over the hill, while still providing access to the woods for walkers. The Basketball Pole protective pads will have to be budgeted for, as it will take roughly 18 pole pads to complete every park.

Mr. Sukal reported that Gateway Engineers was finishing the contract documents for the grassing of the upper Rockwood Park Lot, as well as the Public Works Yard Project. He also stated that Public Works installed signage and ropes across the lower Public Works Yard to keep unwanted dumping and travel away from the "Greening of Robb Hollow" site.

VIII. Announcements

Ms. Kramer thanked the Fire Department, Rita Levine, Susan Morgans, the Commission, and everyone else who lent a hand in making the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner a great event.

Mr. Sukal announced that Mr. Avolio will be attending a three-day Playground Inspector Certification Course next month.

Mr. Farrell announced that Rockwood & Robb Hollow would be the next two Parks for review during the May meeting.

Mr. Sukal shared with the group that he would send the group an email with this year's Arbor Day Celebration details.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Block and a second by Mr. Heyse to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.