

Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

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

Municipal Building Room C

1. Call to Order and Roll

Walt Henry called the meeting to order and David Donnellan called the roll. The meeting was attended by Board members Dale Cable, Chris Curran, Mark Cooke, Stacey Franklin, Don Gavett, Chris Heck, Lynn Hagan, Walt Henry and Jim Menegazzi. The meeting was also attended by Elaine Kramer from the Parks Advisory Board and Recreation Director David Donnellan.

Brian Auer, Chip Dalesandro, Dave Franklin and Dave Klasnick were absent.

2. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

3. Approval of the February 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Williamsburg Park Improvements Survey

Mr. Donnellan said both the Parks Advisory Board (PAB) and Sports Advisory Board (SAB) approved the content of the survey. He consulted with Michael Meseck, Municipal GIS Coordinator, to identify a 550-foot buffer around the park to determine the homes for distribution of the survey. A letter with a link to an online survey was mailed to those homes on March 18, 2016 and indicated a deadline of April 11, 2016 to respond. Mr. Donnellan said 44 households had responded so far.

He added that responses have been positive regarding overall satisfaction with the park. He said the responses indicate that there is support for paving and fencing improvements. Mr. Donnellan said he will distribute a written summary of the residents' responses to both the SAB (in June) and the PAB (in May).

Mr. Donnellan said this would allow for a meeting with residents in the park in May or June in order to solicit additional feedback, and still allow time to include the project in the Capital Improvement Program in June.

5. Finalize Sports Related Improvement Projects for 2017

Mr. Cooke asked for clarification on the plans for improvements to Brafferton Field. He said the softball association relies on Brafferton to play their games. Mr. Curran said there is no final plan for improvements. Mrs. Franklin said the original proposal was to convert the field to a rectangular field since there are many baseball fields in the community. Mr. Cooke stated that removing the infield would be problematic for the softball association. Mr. Donnellan suggested changing the verbiage of the proposed project to eliminate 'convert infield' and replace it with 'field configuration to be determined' and to keep the proposed improvements including improving the drainage.

Mr. Donnellan will request a drawing of Brafferton Field, with an overlay of a softball infield, from Gateway Engineers for the next meeting.

Mr. Donnellan advised the board that obtaining private contributions increases the likelihood that the Commission will fund a project. Mr. Cable suggested that sports organizations contribute to the recreation center feasibility study, as all organizations would stand to benefit from a new facility.

After some discussion, a final, prioritized list of improvements was established as follows:

Sports Related Projects - April 7, 2016			
Rank	Project	Estimated Cost	Comments
1	Mt. Lebanon Park Basketball Court Improvements	\$ 40,000.00	Replace benches, backboards and resurface courts.
2	Brafferton Field/Park Improvements	\$ 290,000.00	Scaled down plan. Improve drainage and make other improvements to conform to budget. Field configuration TBD.
3	Recreation Center Feasibility Study	\$30,000-\$40,000	Preliminary study for a multi-use athletic facility. Anticipates \$12,000 private contribution.
4	Light Additional Field	\$ 485,000.00	Cost to light Wildcat Field with metal halide Musco lighting system. Replaces 2 poles at Middle.
5	Ice Rink Flooring	\$ 132,000.00	Skate flooring in back hallway, around rinks and office.
6	Golf Course Pavilion	\$ 70,000.00	
7	Golf Course Gang Mower	\$ 28,000.00	
8	Platform Tennis Court Expansion	144,000	Add an additional court and warming hut.
9	Rec Center Light Pole Replacement	\$ 134,720.00	
10	Golf Course Restroom		Composting toilet facility. No utilities.
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1	Replace lobby benches and tables in the ice rink.	\$ 27,500.00	16 benches. 6-10 tables.
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6. Seymour Proposal

Mr. Donnellan updated the board that the name change from Wildcat Field to Clint Seymour Field was approved by the Commission at the meeting on March 28, 2016. He said Don Seymour was working hard to make the proposed improvements and changes to the field including reimbursing the MTL Baseball Association for the temporary fencing, ordering equipment, and commissioning a painter and sign maker. Mr. Seymour is making preliminary plans for a dedication ceremony and details will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Donnellan is working with John Grogan on the logistics of installing the new scoreboard. He said the preferred location is where the current scoreboard is located, but that area may not be easily accessible.

Another possible location for the scoreboard is deep right field against the parking lot by Dixon Field. Mr. Donnellan said Middle Field has its own scoreboard, so this new scoreboard would only serve Clint Seymour Field.

Mr. Henry reviewed the improvements scheduled for Clint Seymour Field which are funded by The Clint Seymour Play Ball Fund:

- Enduro temporary outfield fencing
- Electronic scoreboard
- Bullpen repairs
- Batting tunnels repairs
- L-Shaped Safety Screens (4)
- Dugout improvements
- On deck circles
- Pitching mound removable cover
- Signage
- Quotations painted on the rear wall of the dugouts

7. New Business

Elaine Kraemer thanked the board for the opportunity to participate in the meeting.

8. Announcements

Mr. Henry announced that bids came in for the Tennis Center Sidewalk Project and the Platform Tennis Court Replacement Project. He said the Commission will vote on these bids at the April 12 meeting.

Mr. Donnellan said the target date for completion of the Platform Tennis Court Replacement Project is September 1, 2016. He added that the Tennis Center Sidewalk Project is to be completed within a 60-day period and work will be scheduled around the summer tennis tournaments.

Mr. Henry announced that Impact Applications (concussion testing) gave a major donation of \$15,000 for the professional USTA tournament at the Tennis Center this June.

9. Adjournment

10. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.