

Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2017 - 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, Dale Cable, Chip Dalesandro, Dave Franklin, Stacey Franklin, Don Gavett, Lynn Hagan, Chris Heck and Jim Menegazzi. The meeting was also attended by Recreation Director David Donnellan.

Mark Cooke, Chris Curran and Dave Klasnick were absent.

2. Election of Chair

Walt Henry was elected as Chair.

3. Election of Vice Chair

Stacey Franklin was elected as Vice Chair.

4. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

5. Approval of the September 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

6. Rebound Wall

Mr. Donnellan stated that a rebound wall for Brafferton Field was included in the 2016 budget at an estimated \$10,000 cost. He reported that Gateway Engineers has since provided two options for the rebound wall. Both are double-sided and 20' wide, concrete walls. Option one is a precast wall, 7.5' high with 4.5' of netting or chain link on the top at an estimated cost of \$27,000. Option two is a poured in place wall, 12' high at an estimated cost of \$38,580.

Mr. Donnellan said concrete is preferable to any other material, based on longevity and maintenance. He asked the board to decide which size option they favored, and if there were other funding sources.

It was agreed that a more centralized location would be better. It was noted that the school district was considering a wall at the high school.

The board discussed the utility of the wall relative to the cost and agreed to table the discussion for the time being.

7. Brafferton Field Improvements

Mr. Donnellan stated that Mark Cooke from the Softball Association had received a proposal for improvements to Brafferton Field. He said the proposal included options for enhancing the infield in its present location, an option for improving the infield and moving it toward the third base line about 20', and an option for installing a drainage system.

Mr. Dalesandro said he is very familiar with the field, and that the site has a significant slope, with four feet of fall across the width. He said infield material will wash away when it rains. He said there is also a natural spring in center field. He said those two issues should be addressed before improvements are made.

He suggested that the public works director visit the site. Mr. Donnellan said that the public works director indicated that the site needs to be graded before it will drain properly.

Mr. Franklin said the backstop should be addressed with any proposed improvements.

It was noted that the Hydroblox drainage system was installed at some of the school district fields, and that there were noticeable improvements to the drainage.

Mr. Donnellan stated that he did not know if softball wanted to pursue the improvements further. He said softball did plan to use Brafferton for the upcoming season. He said they will get the infield playable and the municipality will maintain it.

Mr. Dalesandro suggested a site visit with Mr. Cooke and the contractor to review the drainage conditions. He stressed the need to look at the site while it is raining.

8. Feasibility Study Contributions

Mr. Cable asked Mr. Donnellan when the board should approach the Commission to propose the study and ask for funding. Mr. Donnellan said the most logical time would be in the summer when projects are considered and prioritized. Mr. Cable said his goal for contributions is 25% of the total projected \$40,000 cost of the study.

Mr. Donnellan reviewed the contributions already committed by sports organizations:

1. Football: \$ 500
2. Baseball: \$2,000
3. Lacrosse: \$1,000
4. Platform Tennis: \$ 500
5. Soccer: \$1,000

Mr. Franklin suggested approaching Commissioner David Brumfield (Sports Advisory Board liaison) to determine the level of interest and support from the Commission for a feasibility study. Mr. Cable indicated he would discuss this with Commissioner Brumfield.

9. Sports Related Projects Funded in 2017

Ms. Hagan asked Mr. Donnellan about the progress of a 2016 project to improve the golf cart paths. Mr. Donnellan stated that the project was funded in the 2016 budget, but was carried over to 2017. He said the project would likely be completed in the spring when asphalt plants reopen. He said the project included extending existing, and/or installing new cart paths on holes 1, 4, 5, 6 and 9 at a cost of approximately \$50,000. Mr. Henry suggested putting the plan on the municipal website. Mrs. Hagan asked for a copy to include in a golf related newsletter.

Mr. Donnellan updated on other sports related improvement projects for 2017:

- Rewiring Tennis Court Lighting for Courts 7/8 - \$50,000
Replaces all wiring for the lights with an alternate to replace the fixtures with energy efficient LED lighting.
- Ice Rink Replacement Project - \$1,835,000
Replaces main and studio rink ice surfaces, concrete slab, refrigeration and defrost piping. Alternates for dasher board and rubber skate flooring replacement. Bids will be open on January 18. Work is planned to take place March – August.
- Golf Course Sand Bunker Liners - \$65,450
Replaces all sand bunker liners. Helps prevent soil contamination and sand washout and improves drainage.
- Golf Course Gang Mower - \$29,500
Purchase of a new mower for mowing roughs. Replaces a 2004 model.

10. New Business

Mr. Donnellan reported that Clint Seymour Play Fund had submitted a supplemental proposal. The proposal was to make improvements in lieu of the scoreboard which was not able to be installed due difficulties with accessing the site with the turf installed. He said the proposal was planned to go to the Commission for approval, but he would like feedback from the board first. The proposal includes new signage, fencing improvements and a bullpen.

The board made a recommendation in favor of supporting the proposal.

11. Announcements

Mr. Donnellan reported that Dale Cable, Chip Dalesandro, Stacey Franklin and Dave Klasnick each had terms expiring March 31, 2017. He said that they were each eligible for another term, and asked that they let him know if they would like to seek reappointment.

Mr. Henry asked board members to reintroduce themselves and their organization.

Jim Menegazzi: At large member
Chris Heck: Mt. Lebanon Aquatic Club
Lynn Hagan: Golf League
Dale Cable: Basketball
Dave Franklin: Lacrosse
Stacy Franklin: Field Hockey
Walt Henry: Indoor Tennis
Don Gavett: Platform Tennis
Chip Dalesandro: Baseball and Football
Brian Auer: Soccer

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.