

Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

October 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, Dale Cable, Dave Franklin, Stacey Franklin, Don Gavett, Chris Heck, Walt Henry, James Menegazzi, and Chad Wertz. The meeting was also attended by Commissioner David Brumfield and Recreation Director David Donnellan.

Brian Auer, Mark Cooke, Christopher Curran, Chip Dalesandro, and Lynn Hagan were absent.

2. Citizen Comments

Brian Kappeler, Director of Fields for Mt. Lebanon Baseball Association, introduced himself and expressed interest in learning about the Sports Advisory Board. Mt. Lebanon interns Bryce McKain and Thomas Heagy, introduced themselves.

3. Approval of the September 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Sports Related Improvement Projects List

David Donnellan said that the list, as discussed at the last meeting, reflected the latest cost estimates and other changes, and asked if there was any discussion.

Walt Henry suggested that engineers review the irrigation system and storm water/drainage issues at the tennis center.

Don Gavett said he expected the hut expansion cost estimate would go down.

Dale Cable said he and Commissioner Brumfield discussed the recreation center feasibility study. Mr. Brumfield stressed that demand for the facility needs to be demonstrated, and if requests for this kind of a facility are being directed to the School District, that information should be sent back to the Municipality. The time to consider a facility, he said, is in January when it is difficult to exercise

outdoors. Mr. Brumfield also stated that facts and information on facility impact would be helpful, as well as broad support from many different organizations and user groups. He also suggested a guarantee that the facility could cover its operating costs.

5. Basketball Court Improvement Project

Mr. Donnellan reported that staff and engineers continue to develop bid specifications. The bidding process for both lighting and court improvements is scheduled to begin in the fall. The lighting portion of the project should be completed by the spring of 2018 with the court improvements to immediately follow.

6. New Business

Mr. Franklin reported that engineers will present the School Board with options for the high school's 'rock pile' (upper practice field) on Monday, October 9, 2017.

Mr. Henry said 6 new tennis courts and a 120-foot retaining/hitting wall were completed on the high school campus, and look very nice.

The board discussed how to improve representation from the School District at SAB meetings. Mr. Brumfield suggested inviting appropriate school district staff to meetings based on relevant agenda items.

7. Announcements

Mr. Cable reported that Mt. Lebanon Basketball is conducting tryouts for 4th-8th graders followed by team and coach selections. Their season will start in a month.

Mr. Menegazzi said the board should revisit usage options for the McNeilly Road property. Mrs. Franklin suggested the Parks Advisory Board be a part of that discussion.

Mr. Wertz said the Mt. Lebanon Hockey Association and the high school hockey association seasons have started. He reported that the MLHA will resume the 'Game of the Week' series, which was featured in USA Hockey Magazine last year, starting in October and running through February. The events feature one or two MLHA teams and have a DJ/announcer and other special features to attract a larger audience from the community.

Mrs. Franklin said the Mt. Lebanon Field Hockey Association is celebrating its 20th anniversary on Thursday, October 12 at the Oakland Catholic game.

Chris Heck reported that he has a template for soliciting dasher board ads and offered to provide it to others who would like to solicit ads, or he welcomed all to provide him with names of any prospects that he could contact. Mr. Donnellan thanked Mr. Heck and Mr. Franklin for their assistance in selling dasher board ads.

Mr. Gavett said the platform tennis season is underway.

Mr. Henry reported that the Indoor Tennis 50th Anniversary Celebration on September 16 was a success. He said the bubbles went up on September 23, and that Indoor is utilizing Your Courts software to reserve tennis courts this season.

Mr. Franklin said that high school level lacrosse has fall ball and workouts. Mt. Lebanon Lacrosse registration will be held around November or December. Two high school tournaments will be held October 21 and 28.

Mr. Donnellan reported that the third annual Joy of the Game Tournament was held on August 19 at Clint Seymour Field. He invited the board to view a photo book from this year's event provided by Don Seymour. Mr. Brumfield requested that the book be shared at the next Commission meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.