

Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2018 - 8:00 p.m.

Municipal Building Room C

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Stacey Franklin 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, Walt Henry, James Menegazzi and Chad Wertz. The meeting was also attended by Recreation Director David Donnellan.

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

2. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

3. Approval of the January 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were amended to reflect that Don Gavett was elected Vice Chair. The minutes were approved as amended.

4. Configuration of Brafferton Field

As part of the board's 2018 Work Plan, the board plans to determine a field configuration for Brafferton Field. Mr. Donnellan said the original plan was to eliminate the infield and convert the field into a rectangular athletic field. He noted that in the past year, Mt. Lebanon Softball Association has used the field and invested money to make improvements to the field. Mr. Donnellan reported that the baseball association might have also used the field. Mr. Donnellan distributed a diagram depicting the rectangular grass space outside of the infield area, to demonstrate what was available for other sports.

Mr. Franklin said the high school's decision on improvements to the 'Rock Pile' (upper practice field) may affect the plan for Brafferton Field.

The board agreed to table the discussion to a later date when Chip Dalesandro (baseball) and Mark Cooke (softball) were present and able to participate in the decision-making process.

5. Recreation Center Feasibility Study

Dale Cable said that the group that was considering developing a basketball facility in McNeilly Park was no longer interested due to cost considerations.

It was noted that a study would determine where a facility would be located, and that several groups had already committed funds towards a study.

6. Prioritization of Sports Related Projects

Mr. Donnellan presented a list of sports related projects. He said the projects were from the Municipality's Capital Improvement Plan and included other projects that were proposed by sports organizations. He said the board should add and/or delete projects and prioritize the list. After discussion the list was prioritized as follows:

Sports Related Projects Worksheet- February 1, 2018			
Rank	Project	Estimated Cost	Comments
1	Recreation Center Feasibility Study	\$ 42,000.00	Preliminary study for a multi-use athletic facility. Anticipates \$12,000 private contribution. Project was placed in the CIP.
2	Tennis Courts 1-8 Replacement- Phase 1	\$ 120,000.00	Annual cost to replace 2 courts and irrigation. Year one of a four-year plan. August 2019 start.
3	Golf Course Cart Path Improvements- Phase 2	\$ 65,000.00	Adjusted for 2019 prices. Placed in the CIP.
4	Golf Course Aerifier and Core Harvester	\$ 52,000.00	Placed in the CIP.
5	Ice Rink Locker Room Addition	\$ 390,710.00	Exterior addition of locker room for studio rink and women's teams. Indoor solution will also be considered.
6	Platform Tennis Hut Expansion	\$ 191,100.00	Expand the hut and add 2 restrooms. Contribution from MLPTA. 2019 Project.
7	Light Seymour Field	\$ 525,236.00	Cost to light Seymour Field with metal halide Musco lighting system. 8 new poles (2 shared). 2019 Pricing. Updated pricing and description. Placed in the CIP.
8	Tennis Courts 7 and 8 Lighting Replacement	\$ 99,000.00	Replace lights on existing poles with LED fixtures.
9	Recreation Center Concrete Replacement	\$ 415,000.00	Replace all concrete surrounding the recreation center. Includes an ADA compliant walkway to the second floor, and new benches in plaza.
10	Brafferton Field/Park Improvements	\$ 453,000.00	Grade field, install drainage, irrigation system and fencing. Field configuration TBD. Adjusted to 2019 prices. Placed in the CIP.
11	Golf Course Pavilion	\$ 77,000.00	Adjusted to 2022 prices. Placed in the CIP.
12	Ice Rink Special Effects Lighting	\$ 133,000.00	
13	Golf Course Restroom	\$ 48,250.00	Prefabricated toilet facility. No utilities. 2020 prices. Updated price and placed in the CIP.
Smaller Projects			
Rank	Project	Estimated Cost	Comments
1	Replace heaters for platform courts 3 & 4	\$ 7,500.00	
2	Swim center snack bar tables	\$ 4,000.00	6 new tables for the concession area.
3	Brafferton Field Infield and drainage improvements	\$ 20,000.00	Add infield mix, recrown field, redefine the infield radius to the appropriate dimension, reset the pitcher's rubber, home plate and bases. Install Hydrobox drainage system. Contribution from Softball Association.

7. New Business

Mr. Donnellan announced that due to Chris Heck's resignation from the board, there is a vacancy. Mr. Donnellan encouraged anyone associated with a recognized Mt. Lebanon sports organization to apply for the position through the Municipal website.

Mr. Gavett stated that a resident of Mt. Lebanon, Chuck Vietmeier, from Gamma Sports has expressed interest in seeing pickleball courts in Mt. Lebanon. Converting the tennis courts at Meadowcroft Park to pickleball courts was discussed as an option. Mr. Gavett noted that most surrounding communities have pickleball courts. Mrs. Franklin suggested that with the two existing tennis courts at Meadowcroft, one court could be converted to a pickleball court and one court could remain a tennis court. The sand volleyball court in Main Park was also suggested, but it was noted that it would be more costly due to the necessary excavation and paving which would be required.

It was agreed that Mr. Gavett would ask Mr. Vietmeier to attend the next meeting to discuss pickleball with the board.

8. Announcements

Mr. Henry announced that Peters Township purchased Rolling Hills Golf Course and was investing in recreation facilities there. He also stated that a new facility, similar to Cool Springs, would be constructed in Westmoreland County. Mrs. Franklin said Peters Township was building a new high school at the former golf course and adding paddle courts, tennis courts and possibly other facilities.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.