

## **Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**March 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 Chris Curran, Dave Franklin, Stacey Franklin, Don Gavett, Lynn Hagan, Walt Henry, James Menegazzi and Chad Wertz. The meeting was also attended by Commissioner Craig Grella and Recreation Director David Donnellan.

Brian Auer, Dale Cable, Mark Cooke and Chip Dalesandro were absent.

#### 2. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

#### 3. Approval of the February 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were amended to correct a spelling error.  
The minutes were approved as amended.

#### 4. Pickleball Discussion- Chuck Vietmeier

Chuck Vietmeier, a Mt. Lebanon resident from Gamma Sports, spoke to the board about the growing popularity of pickleball, and the need for courts in Mt. Lebanon. He suggested the conversion of tennis courts to pickleball courts at Meadowcroft Park. He said the conversion would include one coat of black surface plus the painting of lines and the installation of net posts, nets and some fencing. He distributed a plan that illustrated that 8 pickleball courts would fit in place of two tennis courts. If constructed, he said it would be the premier facility in the South Hills. Mr. Vietmeier estimated the total cost of conversion not to exceed \$25,000. After discussion, the board agreed that this cost would likely be closer to \$50,000.

#### 5. Configuration of Brafferton Field

The topic was once again tabled due to the absence of Mr. Cooke and Mr. Dalesandro.

6. Recreation Center Feasibility Study

Mr. Donnellan said Mr. Cable plans to meet with a few Commissioners to get feedback and discuss next steps. Mr. Donnellan reminded the board that Mr. Cable had financial contributions committed from several sports associations.

7. Review Prioritization of Sports Related Projects

The board agreed to add the conversion of pickleball courts to the list and to place it at the top. The remaining projects follow as previously prioritized. The revised list is as follows:

<b>Sports Related Projects Worksheet- March 1, 2018</b>			
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	Pickleball Court Project	\$ 50,000.00	Convert existing tennis courts into 8 pickleball courts in Meadowcroft Park.
2	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.
3	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.
4	Golf Course Cart Path Improvements- Phase 2	\$ 65,000.00	Adjusted for 2019 prices. Placed in the CIP.
5	Golf Course Aerifier and Core Harvester	\$ 52,000.00	Placed in the CIP.
6	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.
7	Platform Tennis Hut Expansion	\$ 191,100.00	Expand the hut and add 2 restrooms. Contribution from MLPTA. 2019 Project.
8	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.
9	Tennis Courts 7 and 8 Lighting Replacement	\$ 99,000.00	Replace lights on existing poles with LED fixtures.
10	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.
11	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.
12	Golf Course Pavilion	\$ 77,000.00	Adjusted to 2022 prices. Placed in the CIP.
13	Ice Rink Special Effects Lighting	\$ 133,000.00	
14	Golf Course Restroom	\$ 48,250.00	Prefabricated toilet facility. No utilities. 2020 prices. Updated price and placed in the CIP.
<b>Smaller Projects</b>			
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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 Hydroblox drainage system. Contribution from Softball Association.

## 8. Recreation Advertising Opportunities

Mr. Donnellan distributed the recreation advertising brochure to the board. It lists the current advertising opportunities available at municipal recreation facilities. Mr. Donnellan said the top two revenue-generating opportunities are ice rink dasher boards and ballfield banners. He said funds from ballfield banners are earmarked for the turf replacement fund, and sales continue to exceed the original goal. There are 6 dasher boards and 7 ballfield banners currently. Mr. Donnellan encouraged the board to distribute the brochures to their organizations and contacts.

Ms. Hagan commented on the lack of advertising at the golf course. Mr. Donnellan said opportunities are available, but have not sold recently. She mentioned that the golf course scorecards are plain cards now, but they used to contain advertising. Mr. Donnellan said the vendor who sold the ads and provided the cards was no longer in business. Mr. Donnellan will review the current card and see if another vendor can be found, or other improvements can be made.

## 9. New Business

Mr. Donnellan announced that the Commission would like to discuss board priorities and work plans with boards at a special discussion session on Monday, April 30, 2018, and he asked one or two members to attend. Dave and Stacey Franklin volunteered to attend.

## 10. Announcements

Walt Henry announced that the tennis bubbles will come down April 14, and that major work was scheduled on Courts 3-8.

Mr. Wertz announced the MLHA March Mite Meltdown for 6-8 year olds will be held at the ice rink from March 16-18, 2018.

## 11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.