

Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2018 - 8:00 p.m.

Municipal Building Room C

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Don Gavett called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. and David Donnellan called the roll. The meeting was attended by board members Dale Cable, Mark Cooke, Tom Donati, Don Gavett, Walt Henry, James Menegazzi and Chad Wertz. The meeting was also attended by Commissioner Craig Grella and Recreation Director David Donnellan.

Brian Auer, Chris Curran, Chip Dalesandro, Dave Franklin, Stacey Franklin, and Lynn Hagan were absent.

2. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

3. Approval of the March 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Configuration of Brafferton Field

Mr. Cooke stated that Mt. Lebanon Girls Softball Association uses the field and plans to continue to use it, so he would appreciate if the configuration of the field were to remain conducive for softball. Mr. Cooke reported that the softball association made improvements to the infield, and the field had worked well for them, and was essential for their program. He added that baseball and lacrosse are also scheduled on the field.

Mr. Donnellan said he hoped the board would have an official recommendation for the configuration of the field in time for him to include the plan in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

It was generally agreed that the solar orientation of the field should only be changed if it did not increase costs significantly, and if it had a positive effect on drainage. Mr. Donnellan said he would contact Gateway Engineers to inquire about the cost of re-orientation.

The board voted in favor of maintaining an infield at Brafferton Field.

5. Recreation Center Feasibility Study

Mr. Cable said he was discussing the possibility of a plan with a few Commissioners, and would continue to do so. Commissioner Grella said he would also contact other commissioners regarding this topic.

6. Review Prioritization of Sports Related Projects

The board discussed moving Item 8: Light Seymour Field, higher on the prioritization list. Mr. Donnellan suggested that this project occur when the turf on Middle and Seymour fields is replaced, in approximately 6 years, because of the potential damage that could occur to the field. The board discussed setting aside funds annually for this project over the next 6 years. Mr. Donnellan agreed to discuss this concept with the finance director.

The board voted to move the lighting project on Seymour Field to number 4 on the list, and move the rest of the projects down respectively. The list was approved as follows:

Sports Related Projects Worksheet- April 5, 2018			
Rank	Project	Estimated Cost	Comments
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	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.
5	Golf Course Cart Path Improvements- Phase 2	\$ 65,000.00	Adjusted for 2019 prices. Placed in the CIP.
6	Golf Course Aerifier and Core Harvester	\$ 52,000.00	Placed in the CIP.
7	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.
8	Platform Tennis Hut Expansion	\$ 191,100.00	Expand the hut and add 2 restrooms. Contribution from MLPTA. 2019 Project.
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. Maintain and improve infield for softball and baseball. 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.
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 Hydroblox drainage system. Contribution from Softball Association.

7. Recreation Advertising Opportunities

Mr. Donnellan said 7 ice rink dasher board ads are currently displayed in the main rink with one more in production.

Mr. Donnellan predicts a total of 7 ballfield banners will be displayed this year. He added that the Recreation Department is always interested in selling more banners and proceeds go toward turf replacement on Middle and Seymour Fields.

Mr. Donnellan said the golf course manager, Dave Boal, was working on developing improved score cards with advertisements. He said Mr. Boal had sold one ad so far, and the proceeds from the ads would offset the printing costs. He said additional advertisers were welcome, and that the cards would be printed in May of 2018.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Announcements

Dale Cable announced that the high school baseball team had to cancel a home game for the first time since the turf was installed due to heavy snowfall.

Mr. Donnellan reminded the board that the Commission Discussion Session with advisory boards would be held on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 6 p.m., and that Stacey and Dave Franklin planned to attend on behalf of the Sports Advisory Board.

Mr. Henry announced that Martha's Run would be held on Saturday, April 14, the race would start in Mt. Lebanon Main Park at 9 a.m. and that it would be the 22nd year for the event.

Mr. Henry said the Mt. Lebanon High School Wrestling Team would assist with taking down the tennis bubbles on Saturday, April 14.

Mr. Henry announced that the Municipality and Indoor Tennis of Mt. Lebanon would share the cost of the deep scarification of the courts underneath the bubbles. He added that the courts are 28 years old.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.