



MT. LEBANON  
PENNSYLVANIA

**Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 1, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.  
Virtual- Microsoft Teams**

**I. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum:**

Mr. Heyse called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and proceeded with the roll call. Richard Heyse, Gregory Newman, Peter Argentine, Bennett Aikin, Rob Mackey, and Albert Presto attended the meeting.

The meeting was also attended by Mindy Ranney, Commissioner and Phillip Avolio, Facilities & Parks Coordinator.

Pamela Burrett and Rudy Sukal were absent.

**II. Citizen Comments (5 minutes each):**

None.

**III. Approval of May Minutes:**

Mr. Heyse asked the group to review the May minutes and provide comment. Peter Argentine made a few of corrections to the May minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Presto and seconded by Mr. Aikin to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed and the minutes were accepted.

**IV. Project Prioritization & Ranking:**

Mr. Heyse asked Ms. Ranney if she had follow-up on Parks Advisory Board History and Mission. Ms. Ranney commented her follow-up was more of the overall structure of the board but not specifically the mission. She thought Mr. Sukal was going to look for the charter. Mr. Argentine commented that the charter should be discussed about definition. Mr. Heyse commented that the Park Board should be giving recommendations and the Commissions make the final decision.

Board discussed the projects that they would recommend.

- Mr. Newman said would like Iroquois Park to change from the master plan into the budget and he could help with a handicap design park.

- Mr. Argentines is interested in the garden project focusing on fencing, soil maintenance, remediate drainage coming from parking lot and possible access improvement and informational mailing.
- Mr. Aikin is interested in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase of Meadowcroft Park and basketball courts throughout the community, especially the hoops.
- Mr. Mackey is interested in planting pine trees (a few of each species) in Pinecone Park, removal of Japanese Barberry, continued spending on invasive control and hiring professional forester for Bird Park.
- Mr. Presto is interested in the high visibility of trees in Williamsburg Park and continued maintenance.

This is the list of budget requests after each member gave their preference:

- 9 points - Iroquois Park
- 7 points - Pinecone Park
- 7 points - High visibility of trees in Williamsburg Park
- 6 points - Garden Project
- 4 points – Professional Restoration for Bird Park
- 3 points - 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase of Meadowcroft Park

Mr. Argentine comment that there should be a better memorial in honor of Thomas Bird.

## **V. New Business:**

Mr. Heyse commented that the various projects are succeeding. Talked about volunteers and restoration areas. The board would like better communication with Nature Conservancy, Mr. Newman volunteered to be a liaison with Nature Conservancy.

Mr. Newman commented that the Arboretum Project was rescheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> at Williamsburg Park from 10am-12pm. The log matrix was updated. Worksite high level at Twin Hills Trail Restoration this Saturday.

Mr. Presto commented that Mr. Argentine and he met and talked about better ways to communicate parks efforts and projects, as well as the different platforms and audiences.

Mr. Argentine commented that Ms. Burrett, Ms. Ranney, and he rescued some plants for the library plant sale but there will be more. It would be nice the better plants could be repurposed.

## **VI. Old Business:**

**None**

## **VII. Commission Update:**

Ms. Ranney asked Mr. Heyse to write a thank you note to Ms. Burrett for her service.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

Mr. Heyse adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.