



MT. LEBANON
PENNSYLVANIA

**Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 3, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.
Municipal Building Room C**

I. Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum

Mr. Farrell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, and proceeded with the roll call. The meeting was attended by Jonathan Farrell, Gregory Newman, Ron Block, Elaine Kramer, Richard Heyse, and Pam Burrett.

The meeting was also attended by the Director of Public Works, Rudy Sukal, Facilities & Parks Coordinator, Phillip Avolio, and Michael Albright of Gateway Engineers.

Megan Zadecky and Commissioner Fraasch were absent.

II. Citizen Comments

No citizens' comments to report.

III. Approval of March 2018, Meeting Minutes

Mr. Farrell asked the group to please review the March 2018 meeting minutes.

Ms. Kramer asked that Mr. Blocked be changed to Mr. Block.

A motion was made by Ms. Kramer and a second by Mr. Farrell to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed, and the minutes were approved.

IV. Previous Items (Gateway):

Michael Albright, of Gateway Engineers updated the group on the Bird Park Stream Restoration and Parking & Trail Improvements at McNeilly. The presentation consisted of reviewing past projects that Gateway was involved with on stream restoration in neighboring communities. Mr. Albright also explained the positioning of the proposed parking area at McNeilly, along with the potential trail improvements and future considerations.

Mr. Farrell noted that the McNeilly project would connect multiple green-ways across at least two other communities. He stated that this would be a great asset for everyone, and a nice selling point for the project.

Mr. Albright also mentioned that he was finishing up the grant application for McNeilly, and would be submitting for a 50% match on the project.

V. Project Prioritization – Final Ranking

The group discussed last month's initial ranking of the 2018 projects across the parks system. They each used provided forms and ranked the projects to determine the top three. The results were as follow:

- 1.) McNeilly Park: Access & Parking
- 2.) Twin Hills: Invasive Removal Efforts
- 3.) North Meadowcroft: Phase I Improvements

A motion was made by Ms. Kramer and a second by Mr. Block to approve the ranking for 2018, the motion passed and the prioritization table was accepted.

VI. Rockwood Tree Planting

Mr. Farrell reviewed the provided map for suggested supplemental tree planting in Rockwood Park. He suggested removing two cherry trees and 2 locust trees that are struggling before any of the new planting occurs.

Mr. Sukal suggested that the group seek input from the neighboring properties before finalizing a plan.

Mr. Farrell also noted that there are currently around 40 trees in poor health in Williamsburg Park that should be considered for removal as well

VII. New Business

Mr. Block brought up an issue with Lesser Celandine in Bird Park that is starting to spread. He noted that this should be treated with a non-selective herbicide right after it begins to flower.

Mr. Sukal asked that Mr. Block provide him with a map of the areas of the invasives. He noted that he would reach out to Eichenlaub about the issue

VIII. Old Business

Mr. Farrell reviewed the language that the group had discussed last meeting relating to the Project 70 Lands, and proposed site improvements across from the Public Works Yard. The official statement is as follows:

“The Parks Advisory Board reviewed the proposed amendment to the plan at their February 6th meeting and was in favor of the proposed changes to the site plan to add a

trail head and designated parking for Robb Hollow Park. The Parks Advisory Board would also like to reaffirm that the areas to the South of the firing range that are dedicated Project 70 lands be recreational green space, and that the site be accessible and compatible with future park use”

A motion was made by Mr. Farrell, and a second by Mr. Heyse to adopt the statement. The motion passed, and the official statement was recorded.

IX. Announcements:

Mr. Block announced that there would be a work day at Twin Hills on April 14th followed by trail work at Bird Park on April 28th

Mr. Farrell noted that the Conservancy posted a great information flier in all of the kiosks listing all of the meeting dates, time, and locations for volunteers to get involved in trail maintenance

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Ms. Burrett to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.