

Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2019 - 8:00 p.m.

Municipal Building Room C

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chad Wertz called the meeting to order and David Donnellan called the roll. The meeting was attended by board members Dale Cable, Chip Dalesandro, Tom Donati, Don Gavett, Lynn Hagan, Walt Henry, Megan O'Brakta, Shelly Saba, and Chad Wertz. The meeting was also attended by Recreation Director David Donnellan.

Dave Franklin, Stacey Franklin, Amelia Kelly and Tom Langston were absent.

2. Citizen Comments

Rosie Pesacreta and Shirley McElhattan expressed concerns about the availability and condition of restrooms and portable toilets near athletic fields. Mr. Donnellan said any concerns regarding facilities at municipal fields should be brought to the municipality's attention and that they would be addressed. He said the same should apply to the school district's fields.

Ian Smith spoke about the need for more storage near the fields on Cedar Boulevard.

3. Approval of the April 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Recreation Center Feasibility Study Update

Mr. Donnellan reported that the grant application was submitted to DCNR and that there was no decision yet.

5. Review of Condition, Improvements and Access to Cedar Boulevard Restrooms and Concession Stand Building

Mr. Donnellan reported that the municipality is considering improvements to the restrooms and concession stand building on Cedar Boulevard and would like input from the Sports Advisory Board. He said \$143,000 was identified in the bond for restroom improvements and a new roof.

Mr. Donnellan said that recreation staff has been opening the restrooms in the evenings and weekends since June 10 to provide access to field users.

He said that access to the snack bar is currently only available through the baseball association.

The board discussed the feasibility of general use of the snack bar by other sports associations, acknowledging that storage and tracking inventory could pose problems.

Additional equipment storage for the fields was deemed necessary, and space could be rented to sports associations.

Mr. Donnellan will request additional input from sports association representatives regarding the need for storage.

6. Review of Field Use Allocation Procedures

Mr. Donnellan reported that there were some concerns expressed about the field allocation process concerning efficiency and equitability.

Mr. Donnellan described the process whereby the recreation department, the school district and the sports associations meet twice each year to determine a schedule of use for all of the fields. He said the meetings begin by reviewing the previous year's schedule and making adjustments until agreement is reached.

It was agreed that having user group's meet in advance of the meeting to discuss their needs would be helpful.

After discussion, the board concluded that the current process is serving the interests of the community and should continue.

7. Update on Robb Hollow and McNeilly Park Plans

Mr. Donnellan said that DCNR grant applications were submitted for improvements to Rob Hollow and McNeilly Parks.

8. Pickleball Courts Project

Mr. Donnellan said that bond funds had been allocated for resurfacing the courts in North Meadowcroft Park, and that this would reduce the cost to convert the tennis courts into pickleball courts, as well as provide an opportunity to advance the project.

It was agreed that the courts should be free and open to the public at this location, due to difficulties with supervision.

9. New Business

Dale Cable shared that he had received complaints regarding the condition of the number 4 fairway and the bunkers at the golf course. Lynn Hagan said that the bunkers were in good condition following the recent bunker lining project. Mr. Donnellan said the conditions on number 4 could be caused by anthracnose, and that he would discuss it with the golf course manager.

Walt Henry reported that replacement of tennis courts 3-8 was funded in the bond, and that construction is expected to get underway in August of 2020.

Shelly Saba announced the Hall of Champions Celebration on September 28, 2019 at Cefalo's.

10. Announcements

Joe Kramer, member of the Economic Development Council, invited the board to visit McNeilly Park on September 24 at 4:30 p.m. to consider improvements to the park.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.