

Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2019 - 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 Brian Auer, Dale Cable, Chris Curran, Chip Dalesandro, Dave Franklin, Stacey Franklin, Walt Henry, James Menegazzi and Chad Wertz. The meeting was also attended by School District Director of Facilities, Rick Marciniak, and Recreation Director David Donnellan.

Tom Donati, Don Gavett and Lynn Hagan were absent.

2. Election of Chair

Chad Wertz was elected Chair.

3. Election of Vice Chair

Dave Franklin was elected Vice Chair.

4. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

5. Approval of the December 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

6. Recreation Center Feasibility Study

The board received a report titled, Sports Advisory Board Preliminary Report on Recreation Center Feasibility for review. Mr. Menagazzi commented that the report was an amazing piece of work, and that it was very thorough and informative. Mrs. Franklin asked if there were any questions concerning the report. Mr. Henry questioned why no private facilities were toured. Mrs. Franklin said the group focused on community recreation centers. Mr. Menagazzi asked if the board selected the top two sites and most desired amenities, how would it affect the cost of the study. Mr. Donnellan replied that while the report will reduce the workload for the consultant, the consultant would still need to invest time into assessing the constructability of sites, and deciding which amenities are the best

fit. Mr. Langston suggested that the golf course could be a possible site, while converting the golf course to a par three, nine-hole course. He also suggested that some Catholic churches and schools could become available, and would provide opportunities for development. Mrs. Franklin said these types of opportunities were considered, but their fates are unknown at this time. Mr. Marciniak suggested that, if one exists, the Municipality's master development plan should be consulted. It was stated that a feasibility study could address some of these other locations.

It was noted that there were advantages with locating a new facility in Main Park including overflow parking areas, central location near existing facilities and efficiencies with staffing.

Mr. Franklin asked about next steps. Mr. Donnellan said he expected that after the report was approved by the board, the Commission would want to hear a summary at a Commission Discussion Session.

It was agreed that report should be presented to the Commission.

7. 2019 Work Plan

The board reviewed the 2018 Work Plan and after discussion agreed on the following work plan for 2019:

1. Review and prioritization of sports related improvement projects.
2. Recommendation and implementation of a feasibility study for a recreation center.
3. Sell and promote recreation advertising opportunities.
4. Address issues from citizens and individual sports associations as needed.
5. Explore opportunities for Robb Hollow and McNeilly Parks in cooperation with the Parks Advisory Board.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Announcements

Ms. Franklin introduced new board member Tom Langston. Mr. Langston represents the Mt. Lebanon Girls Softball Association.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.