

Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2020 - 8:00 p.m.

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 Dave Franklin, Don Gavett, Walt Henry, Stacie Hill, Tom Langston, Amanda Rost, Shelly Saba, Ian Smith and Chad Wertz. The meeting was also attended by Recreation Director, David Donnellan.

Becki Campanaro, Tom Donati, Lynn Hagan and Megan O'Brakta were absent.

2. Citizen Comments

David Donnellan read email comments from Susan Battaglia and Erin Carmody, both in support of pickleball.

Mr. Wertz asked Mr. Donnellan to discuss a memo that they received earlier that day from Commissioner Mindy Ranney. That memo stated that Mr. Donnellan is working with Gateway Engineers on options for pickleball, including costs, locations and pros and cons. There will be a presentation of those options to the Commission during the Discussion Session next Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Mr. Donnellan said meetings can be attended in person or viewed via Zoom, and that more information is available on the municipal website.

Mr. Langston expressed concerns that the citizens who commented may not understand that the board is only advisory in nature. It was agreed that Mr. Donnellan would follow up with both women and clarify the board's role and invite them to attend the Commission Discussion Session to hear the presentation on pickleball.

It was noted that adding pickleball lines to existing tennis courts was a low-cost option to bring pickleball to the community.

3. Consideration of the September 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were amended to show that Ian Smith was in attendance, and to correct the adjournment time. The minutes were approved as amended.

4. Welcome and Introduction of New Board Members

Introductions were made and roles reviewed.

5. Recreation Center Feasibility Study Update

Chad Wertz read a memo from Assistant Manager, Ian McMeans updating on the timeline for the Parks Master Plan/Recreation Center Feasibility Study. The memo stated that the DCED grant award notice had been delayed until Spring 2021, and the new timeline was as follows:

Current	Project team works on RFP/Scope of Work
February 2021	Issue RFP for Consultant
March 2021	RFP Responses Due to Municipality and reviewed by project team
April 2021	Commission appoints Consultant
Spring 2021	DCED Board meeting (Grant Awards announced)
Summer 2021	Consultant and project team conduct Study
October 2021	Final Report Issued
November 2021	Short-term Actionable Recommendations of Plan considered for funding in 2022 Municipal Budget

6. Sports Organizations Communication and Data Meeting

Tom Langston reported that he will work with Amanda Rost on this topic. Stacey Hill also volunteered to participate.

7. Futsal Proposal

Shelly Saba presented a proposal from the Mt. Lebanon Soccer Association for the resurfacing of the basketball court in Sunset Hills Park (Brafferton) with a multi-sport, modular tiled surface. She said the proposal was prepared by Tim Defeo from the soccer association, and that the Brafferton basketball court was underutilized. She stated that the proposal was previously recommended to the SAB back in February, but that some of the private funds had fallen through and the project was presumed to be no longer viable. However, Mr. Defeo would like the proposal to receive new consideration for board support as a small project, with the hopes that it could be approved in 2020 and installed in 2021.

Mr. Donnellan explained that after the board recommended the project in February, the proposal needed to be vetted. He said there were several questions from municipal staff concerning things such as prevailing wages, parking, the pending feasibility study as well as additional items. He said those items were researched and the proposal was ready to go before the Commission as a discussion item; however, that did not happen due to the focus on COVID-related issues. In the interim, some of the funding expired and the proposal was deemed to be rescinded.

Mr. Donnellan said that the tiles would be interlocking, could extend the life of the existing surface by spanning cracks, were slip resistant, provided a softer surface and would be less abrasive to skin in the event of a fall. He also said it would not affect basketball and came with a 25-30 year life expectancy and a 16-year warranty.

Ms. Saba said that it would also provide a good surface for pickleball. She also explained that Futsal was like small-sided soccer or street soccer, but that the surface was multi-use.

Stacie Hill said it sounded like it would be useful for field hockey also.

The project expenses were presented as follows:

PROJECT EXPENSES		
Expense Description	Completed in 2020	Completed in 2021
	Amount (4.25 SF)	Amount (6.25 SF est)
Surface Installation – 7,000 SF Power Game tile on choice of colors. Price includes Labor.	\$29,750.00	\$43,750.00
Painting Lines (Pre-Work)	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Freight. Salt Lake City to Pittsburgh	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Labor Prevailing Wage	\$840.00	\$840.00
Total Estimated Cost:	\$33,490.00	\$47,490.00
Gift: Mt Lebanon Soccer and HM Insurance Group Totals	(\$15,000.00)	(\$15,000.00)
Balance Request	\$18,490.00	\$32,490.00
<i>Note: 50% Down payment to start the project with the Balance Due Upon Completion. Please note that Logo's are not included in the information above and would be an additional 1,400.00.</i>		
Fencing replacement 10' High Aluminized Chain Link Fence (200 Lineal Feet) – Vendor is Duquesne Fence. (Optional but recommended)	\$7,580.00	\$7,580.00
Gift: Mt Lebanon Soccer and HM Insurance Group Totals	\$26,070.00	\$40,070.00

Questions were raised about the 2021 price increase and whether those prices were factual or a sales tactic.

Ms. Saba noted that the fencing was optional.

Mr. Franklin suggested that the newly resurfaced courts would be an option for Tops Soccer (for children with special needs), and Ms. Saba agreed.

Mr. Donnellan stated that in his opinion the Commission would not likely fund this project in the current year. He suggested that the board rank the project on its prioritization list for review by the Commission.

Mr. Langston shared his concerns that no one from the Commission had recently attended Sports Advisory Board meetings and asked that the Commission attend meetings regularly in the future. It was agreed that meetings were more productive with a Commission representative present.

Walt Henry added that a school district representative would also be helpful for discussions.

Mr. Donnellan agreed to request that the Commission and the School District send a representative to meetings.

Ms. Saba said she would ask Tim Defeo to ask the contractor to extend the 2020 pricing into 2021.

The Futsal proposal was supported by the board and they recommended that it be considered by the Commission as the number one priority on the small projects list.

The updated list was as follows:

Sports Related Projects Worksheet- October 8, 2020					
Rank	Project	Estimated Cost	Private Contribution	Net Municipal Cost	Comments
1	Pickleball Court Project	\$ 80,030.00	\$ -	\$ 80,030.00	Convert existing tennis courts into 6 pickleball courts in Meadowcroft Park. 2021 cost.
2	Platform Tennis Hut Expansion	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	Expand the hut and include restroom(s), second floor and deck. . 2021 cost.
3	Golf Course Cart Path Improvements- Phase 2	\$ 91,900.00	\$ -	\$ 91,900.00	Adjusted for 2021 prices.
4	Ice Rink Changing Rooms	\$ 30,000.00			Estimate subject to engineer's review. Changing rooms only within existing space in the lobby.
5	Completion of Tennis Court Reconstruction of Courts 3-6	\$ 444,900.00	\$ 200,205.00	\$ 244,695.00	Replace tennis courts 3-6 including subsurface irrigation with contributions from Indoor Tennis.
6	Tennis Courts 7 and 8 Lighting Replacement	\$ 106,720.00	\$ -	\$ 106,720.00	Replace lights on existing poles with LED fixtures. 2021 cost.
7	Light Seymour Field	\$ 586,500.00	\$ -	\$ 586,500.00	Cost to light Seymour Field with metal halide Musco lighting system. 8 new poles (2 shared). 2023 cost.
8	Golf Course Pavilion	\$ 81,000.00	\$ -	\$ 81,000.00	Adjusted to 2022 prices.
9	Golf Course Restroom	\$ 52,950.00	\$ -	\$ 52,950.00	Prefabricated toilet facility. No utilities. 2021 prices.
10	Front Deck Mower	\$ 27,000.00		\$ 27,000.00	2021 cost.
11	Recreation Center Concrete Replacement	\$ 996,480.00	\$ -	\$ 996,480.00	Replace all concrete surrounding the recreation center. Includes an ADA compliant walkway to the second floor, and new benches in plaza. 2021 cost.
12	Rec Center Roof Replacement	\$ 1,309,680.00	\$ -	\$ 1,309,680.00	2021 cost.
Smaller Projects					
Rank	Project	Estimated Cost	Private Contribution	Net Municipal Cost	Comments
1	Futsal/Multi-purpose Court Resurfacing	\$ 33,490.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 18,490.00	Resurface Brafferton basketball courts with a sports tile product, which would serve various sports. Pricing listed requires purchase of materials in 2020. The 2021 price was listed as \$47,490.
2	Brafferton Field Infield and drainage improvements	\$ 21,000.00		\$ 21,000.00	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.

8. New Business

Ian Smith reported that baseball had plans to upgrade the batting cages with donations and funding from the baseball association. He invited input on the design and/or usage from other sports.

9. Announcements

There were no announcements.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.