

Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2021 - 8 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 Tom Donati, Dave Franklin, Don Gavett, Lynn Hagan, Walt Henry, Stacie Hill, Megan O'Brakta, Amanda Rost, Shelly Saba, Ian Smith and Chad Wertz.

The meeting was also attended by Commissioner Mindy Ranney and Recreation Director David Donnellan.

Tom Langston was absent.

2. Welcome/Introduction Commission Liaison, Mindy Ranney

Commissioner Mindy Ranney introduced herself and offered her support. She said would like to improve communications between the Board and Commission. She said she would like to see the Board on at least one Commission Discussion Session agenda to discuss its priorities. She informed the Board that she serves as the Commission Liaison to the Parks Advisory Board also, which would be helpful in coordinating the Parks Master Plan and Recreation Center Feasibility Study. Chad Wertz welcomed her and thanked her for attending.

3. Election of Chair

Amanda Rost was elected Chair.

4. Election of Vice Chair

Chad Wertz was elected as Vice Chair

5. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

6. Approval of the November 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

7. Sports Related Projects Funded in the 2021 Budget

Mr. Donnellan reported that the Platform Tennis Hut Renovation Project was funded for \$30,000, with the Mt. Platform Tennis Association funding the balance of the project for \$160,000. He said this was the third highest priority project on the Board's list. He said pickleball was the number one project.

Commissioner Ranney said the Commission wasn't able to agree on funding or a location for pickleball. She said the decision was made to put 5 sets of pickleball lines on tennis courts at Williamsburg and Meadowcroft parks in 2021 at a cost of \$1500. She said three courts would be painted at Williamsburg tennis courts, and two at Meadowcroft. Three of the courts would utilize the tennis nets, and two would require temporary nets. She said usage of these courts will help determine next steps.

Mr. Donnellan said the lines would be painted in the spring, and once the lines were painted, the courts would be promoted to the community.

Commissioner Ranney asked Mr. Donnellan to ask the Public Works Department to keep the tennis nets in place during the winter.

8. Sports Organizations Communication and Data Meeting

Amanda Rost reported that the group is working on a survey to distribute to sports organizations by the end of January.

Ian Smith suggested that the survey be prepared prior to the field meeting. Mr. Donnellan said the meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 28.

Ms. Rost said the goal is to use all the fields in the community more efficiently, and assess facility needs moving forward.

9. 2021 Work Plan

The board approved the following work plan:

2021 Sports Advisory Board Work Plan

1. Review and prioritization of sports related improvement projects.
2. Work with municipal staff and the Parks Advisory Board to develop an RFP for a combined Parks Master Plan and Recreation Center Feasibility Study.
3. Work with the Parks Advisory Board, municipal staff, consultants and the community to facilitate a Parks Master Plan/Recreation Center Feasibility Study.

4. Sell and promote recreation advertising opportunities.
5. Address issues from citizens and individual sports associations as needed.
6. Host a meeting among sports organizations to facilitate better communication, and to review each sport's registration, trends and other data to help prepare for future needs.

10. New Business

Mindy Ranney inquired about the Futsol project. Shelly Saba said the project was discussed with the Board recently and she was able to answer questions. Mr. Wertz said the project was supported by the Sports Advisory Board. Stacie Hill said she will talk to Field Hockey Association board to see if they want to contribute to a Futsol/multipurpose court. It was agreed that Brafferton was the preferred location.

Mr. Donnellan stated that there were four Board members with terms expiring on March 31, 2021: Tom Donati representing the aqua club, Dave Franklin representing lacrosse, Don Gavett representing platform tennis, and Walt Henry representing indoor tennis. Mr. Donnellan asked each of them to have their respective boards nominate a representative to apply to serve on the Sports Advisory Board. He said applications were available on the municipal website.

11. Announcements

Walt Henry said all 6 bubble courts were up and running and he thanked the Municipality for its support on the project.

Dave Franklin asked if masks should be required while playing paddle tennis, suggesting that it was a rule that will not be enforced. David Donnellan stated that masks were required when individuals aren't able to consistently remain 6 feet apart from people who aren't in the same household.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.