

## **Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**March 3, 2022 - 8 p.m.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Amanda Rost called the meeting to order at 8:13 p.m. and David Donnellan called the roll. The meeting was attended by board members Stacie Hill, Tom Langston, Kristen Reisinger, Kari Resler, Amanda Rost, Katie Sharon, Ian Smith, Stephen Strotmeyer and Chad Wertz.

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

Ed Cipriano, Lynn Hagan, Megan O'Brakta, and Shelly Saba were absent.

2. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

3. Approval of the February 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Commissioner Report

Commissioner Ranney reported that board member terms were ending for several members of the board. She said that Shelly Saba, Stephen Strotmeyer and Tom Langston agreed to serve a second term. David Donnellan said that Megan O'Brakta declined to serve an additional term, and that Lynn Hagan had already served two terms and was not eligible for a third.

Commissioner Ranney thanked Lynn Hagan and Megan O'Brakta for their service to the municipality.

She said two seats were available on the board and asked the board for input on desired skills or experience.

It was noted that the board consisted of members from recognized sports organizations and two at-large positions; golf, platform tennis, football and wrestling are not currently represented.

Commissioner Ranney announced that the board had until Monday, March 7, 2022 to provide feedback on the draft of the Parks Master Plan/Recreation Center Feasibility Study.

Several members of the board stated that they had problems accessing the feedback form.

David Donnellan said that anyone with problems accessing the document could email Ian McMeans.

#### 5. Field Census

Amanda Rost reported that the group working on the study has been working on a report to share the data that was gathered. She described the different charts the group was working on to display the data. She said each field would have a summary, as well as its dimensions. She also described other details of the data and planned report.

Kristin Reisinger said using the stadium was cost prohibitive for organizations, and if the school district could reduce the fees, the stadium would get more use, and it would reduce competition for fields.

Stephen Strotmeyer stated the district opened additional time at fields on Sunday mornings to create more timeslots. He suggested that groups could request a reduced rate for use of the stadium if restrooms and district personnel were not needed.

#### 6. Recreation Center Feasibility Study/Parks Master Plan

Commissioner Ranney encouraged the board to review the report prior to the deadline on Monday, March 7. She said the draft would be reviewed by the Commission during a discussion session from 6:30 – 8 p.m. on March 22, 2022, and the final report would be available around April 1.

#### 7. Prioritization of Sports Related Improvement Projects

Ms. Rost said that this item was tabled until there was more information from the Parks Master Plan and the field census.

She said the Parks Advisory Board (PAB) reached out to see what common projects the two boards may share. She said the PAB would share its priorities when a list was available.

She said rather than having a joint meeting, the board chairs agreed to attend one of the other's board meetings and report back to their respective boards.

She said she would try to update the project list for the next meeting, and include project cost and impact.

#### 8. Recreation Department Advertising

Stacie Hill reported that she is working on a Power Point presentation that board members can use to explain the advertising options to their respective organizations. She said she hoped to have it available for the next meeting.

David Donnellan reported that a new advertiser was planning to purchase a ballfield banner.

#### 9. Standardized Field Signage Proposal

Tom Langston reported that he, Mindy Ranney and Peter Argentine were working together on a sign proposal, but they haven't had the opportunity to get together yet. He said they will work on putting together a proposal for signage appearance and specifications. Mr. Langston said there have been previous efforts to standardize signs, citing a previous approved design for the Bird Park sign at Washington and Beadling.

Ian Smith said there was also a sign in left field for Clint Seymour Field.

Mindy Ranney said the Historic Preservation Board has an approved design. She said the group could decide whether to stay with that design or a request a new one.

#### 10. New Business

There was no new business.

#### 11. Announcements

David Donnellan announced that the Boards and Authorities Dinner would be held May 9 at 6 p.m. at Crown Plaza. He said the dinner is held by the municipality every other year to honor our volunteers and asked the board to save the date.

Ian Smith reported that baseball did a fundraiser for upgrades to the batting cages, and they raised \$21,800. He said the project would include new fencing, surface, hardware and accessories. He said the bullpen area would be expanded to a full 70-foot cage with new poles and netting. He said the visitors' bullpen would also be improved; public works will be installing a concrete pad, and a new home plate matt and mound will be installed. He said he hoped the project would be completed by mid-April.

Mr. Smith also announced that the Seymour Foundation's Joy of the Game tournament would be back this year. He said the tournament targets kids who may not otherwise have an opportunity to play baseball, as well as recreational players from Mt. Lebanon.

Stacie Hill said field hockey did a program for Pittsburgh Public Schools last summer, and had a contact list that she could share with the event organizers to help promote the tournament.

#### 12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.