

Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2022 - 8 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Amanda Rost called the meeting to order, and David Donnellan called the roll. The meeting was attended by board members Ed Cipriano, Michael Diven, Tom Langston, Kristen Reisinger, Amanda Rost, Ian Smith, Stephen Strotmeyer and Chad Wertz.

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

Andrew Grobe, Stacie Hill, Kari Resler and Shelly Saba were absent.

2. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

3. Approval of the October 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Commissioner Report

Commissioner Ranney reported that Anne Swager Wilson was appointed as Ward 3 Commissioner.

She thanked the Recreation Department for pulling together the Trunks, Tents and Treats event to replace the Pumpkin Patch Parade, which had to be cancelled.

She said that the Police Chief search would continue as the preferred candidate declined the Municipality's offer.

She reported that the municipal budget process was ongoing. She said the Commission would discuss the budget on November 1 in a public session. She said there would be four public sessions. She said the Manager's Recommended Budget recommended the following parks and recreation related projects for funding: Brafferton Field Improvements, Main Park playground fall zone replacement and tennis court reconstruction phase 2.

David Donnellan added that filter leaf replacement for the swimming pool filter system was also recommended for funding.

The budget discussion schedule was reviewed for any board members who may wish to attend.

5. Field Census

Amanda Rost reported that the group is continuing to work on the report, and will begin meeting with stakeholders, working up to a presentation to the Commission.

6. Recreation Center Feasibility Study/Parks Master Plan

Mr. Donnellan reported that the municipality is gathering cost information on a potential architectural study for the recreation center.

Mindy Ranney said she asked the Municipal Manager to note any projects from the Parks Master Plan in his recommended budget. She said those projects included: a fence maintenance program, Brafferton Field improvements and playground fall zone surface replacement at Main Park.

7. Prioritization of Sports Related Improvement Projects

Mr. Donnellan noted that the board had prioritized its projects for 2022 and would wait to see if they were funded in the budget process, before reprioritizing next year.

8. Recreation Department Advertising

Mr. Donnellan reminded the board to direct any business owners from their respective organizations to the website if they are interested in any of the advertising opportunities.

9. Standardized Field Signage Proposal

Tom Langston reported that a group is working on scheduling a meeting to review a common signage and wayfinding program for parks and facilities.

10. Comprehensive Plan Advisory Group

David Donnellan shared that Andy Grobe had attended the first advisory group meeting. Mr. Donnellan said that Mr. Grobe shared the board's goals for better field utilization and for turfing and lighting fields.

11. New Business

Mr. Donnellan suggested that the board propose a meeting schedule for the following year. The board agreed on the following schedule for 2023:

January 5, February 2, March 2, April 13, May 4, September 7, October 5 and November 2. All meetings at 8 p.m.

12. Announcements

Amanda Rost reported that Chris Sambolt from the high school facilities office retired after many years, and her replacement would be Laura Shaheen. Ms. Rost recognized Ms. Sambolt for her service.

Ms. Rost asked Mr. Donnellan to share Laura Shaheen's contact information with the field scheduling group.

Mr. Donnellan reported that Katie Sharon, who represented Indoor Tennis on the board, had resigned from the board effective immediately. He asked the board to share that information with other organizations. He said applicants can apply through the municipal website. It was noted that tackle football, golf, cheerleading and wrestling were not represented currently on the board.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.