

Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2023 - 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 Michael Diven, Andrew Grobe, Stacie Hill, Kari Resler, Amanda Rost and Ian Smith.

The meeting was also attended by Recreation Director David Donnellan.

Kristen Reisinger, Tom Langston, Shirley McElhattan and Stephen Strotmeyer were absent.

2. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

3. Approval of the September 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Commissioner Report

There was no Commissioner report.

5. Jefferson Futsal Court (Chris Frenie)

Amanda Rost gave a brief background report on the new futsal court at Jefferson Elementary. Chris Frenie from Mt. Lebanon Soccer Association shared how the court was approved and is being utilized. He said athletic director, John Grogan, approached the association and asked if the court could put it at Jefferson. Mr. Frenie said that in the agreement there is an agreement with the district for the futsal court and if the district moves it before 5 years, it would provide a new space. Mr. Frenie said there was no permitting/reservation system for the court, but the association gets some priority use. He said the court was a good rain-day facility, and it was noted that many kids are using it informally. Mr. Frenie said the project was fully funded by MLSA, at a cost of \$29,000.

Ms. Rost commented that various other sports would benefit from this kind of surface.

Kristen Resinger commented that this improvement was fabulous and she sees the potential for expansion.

Ian Smith inquired why the association selected sports tiles for the court instead of synthetic turf. Mr. Frenie responded that it came down to cost.

6. Advisory Board Restructuring Transition Planning

Mr. Donnellan reported that he and the board will continue to keep current focus areas and topics in the shared folder and make sure everything is kept up to date.

7. Parks and Fields Signage Plan

Mr. Donnellan said he met last week with Phil Avolio and some members of the Parks Advisory Board (PAB) and that sign locations were determined for Dixon, Middle and Seymour Fields. He said the existing brick entry sign for Mt. Lebanon Park would remain in place. He said there were additional site visits with Mr. Avolio and the PAB to locate signs in other parks.

8. Comprehensive Plan Draft Recommendations

Ms. Rost requested that board members could submit their comments on the comprehensive plan to her and she would compile them.

9. Main Park Site Plan and Recreation Center Architectural Study

Mr. Donnellan said that staff have met with the consultants twice now. He said they are reviewing data on parking, facilities and processes and is reviewing what works and what we would like to change.

10. Brafferton Field Project Update

Mr. Donnellan said the project is going well, all of the fencing is complete, and topsoil and seed was scheduled for October 16 due to scheduling conflicts. He said he had informed field users about the work and had not received any complaints.

11. Field Study Update

Ms. Rost said she finished the rough draft of the report and sent it to the four-person committee. She said she will be sending it to the rest of the board and then to members of the associations and finally to the school district and municipality.

Having a presentation accompany the report was discussed.

12. New Business

Ian Smith said scoreboards at Dixon, Middle and Seymour Fields were having problems, but have been resolved. He suggested that it might be beneficial for the Middle Field scoreboard to have some additional features like a clock.

13. Announcements

Ms. Rost announced that the next meeting is scheduled for November 2, and there were three final meetings in 2024.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.