

**MT. LEBANON PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**ROOM C**  
**710 WASHINGTON ROAD**  
**PITTSBURGH, PA 15228**

**Meeting Minutes**

Tom Langston called the meeting to order.

David Donnellan called the roll.

In attendance were board members MaryAnn Banks, Natalie Drozda, Pat King, Tom Langston, Amanda Rost, Tom Schevtchuk, Mike Wallen and Pat West. Also present were Parks and Facilities Coordinator Phil Avolio and Recreation Director David Donnellan.

Board Member Andrew Grobe, School District Liaison Brenna Crable, and Commission Liaison Craig Grella were absent.

**1. Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Pat West and seconded by Mike Wallen. The vote was called and the May 15, 2024 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. Citizen Comments**

Scott Gagliardi of 38 Shady Drive West, and Paul Kitt of 2325 High Oak Drive, commented on the pickleball courts at Meadowcroft Park. They requested an awning for shade, a color coating to cool the courts, steps and seating.

Mike Wallen asked their thoughts on lights and noise. They suggested windscreen to cut down on noise.

Dianne Brown of 30 N. Meadowcroft commented on the noise at the pickleball courts. She suggested plantings or other ways to mitigate sound. She said parking was a problem and would like the lights out by 9 p.m. She also mentioned that the sign that she can see from her window reads "Meadowcroft Park hours daily 10 a.m.- 10 p.m.", which is incorrect.

It was noted that every comment and complaint regarding the pickleball courts in Meadowcroft Park has been recorded on a spreadsheet.

**3. Chairperson's Report**

No report

**4. Commission Liaison Report**

No report.

**5. Staff Liaison Report**

Phil Avolio reported that signage for the parks was moving forward. He said proofs were being reviewed, and then we would move to production. He shared that an asphalt path has been built between Seymour Field and the pool. He also said the Public Works Department was installing new

bleachers with fall protection at fields, building steps, treating poison ivy, fertilizing fields and working on various other parks projects.

David Donnellan reported that all recreation facilities and summer programs were staffed and up and running. He said the July 4 Celebration would be happening in Main Park in a couple of weeks, and that staff was planning and gearing up for that event. He said the Recreation Department would be hosting the Fall Field Scheduling meeting on July 10 and invitations would be sent soon. He also reported that the new Tennis Center Manager along with the full-time maintenance person were doing a great job and that the center was running smoothly and successfully.

## **6. Sub-Committee Reports**

There were no reports.

## **7. Old Business**

### **a. Field Census Study Update**

Ms. Rost said she added the final report to the Sports Advisory Board folder on the SharePoint site, and would put it on the agenda in the future. Mr. Donnellan will create a Field Census folder for this report and related documents.

### **b. Pickleball lights and noise complaints at Meadowcroft Park**

It was agreed that a subcommittee would be formed to look for ways to address the complaints at the pickleball courts. The subcommittee included Pat West, MaryAnne Banks and Tom Schevtchuk.

Mr. Donnellan said he would update all those on the list who commented on the pickleball courts regarding the status of the pickleball court discussion.

## **8. New Business:**

### **a. Board recommendations for expanded funding in the 2025 budget**

The board recommended the following items for expanded funding in the 2025 budget: Implementation of Forestry and Invasives Management Plans (\$26,238.00), Develop Forest Management Plan for Street Trees (\$75,000.00), continue to expand the signage and wayfinding program in parks, and additional tree procurement funding. Ms. Rost made a motion to approve this list. Tom Schevtchuk, seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **b. Consideration of changing the board's meeting time**

Ms. Rost made a motion to change the meeting time to 7 p.m. Mr. West seconded. The vote was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **c. Forestry and Invasives Management Plan**

Mr. Avolio provided a summary of the report and said the plan was in the CIP.

### **d. Consideration of park proposal for Main Entrance**

Mr. Donnellan recapped this this proposal and put it on the screen. The board discussed the pros and cons of the proposal and took no further action.

## **9. Announcement of Next Meeting Date and Time** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mt. Lebanon Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is **Wednesday, July 17, 2024** at 6:00 p.m. (unless changed to 7 p.m.). All municipal meetings have a Zoom webinar component to enable residents to attend meetings virtually.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.