

MT. LEBANON PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024
7:00 P.M.
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710 WASHINGTON ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PA 15228

Meeting Minutes

Amanda Rost called the meeting to order.

David Donnellan called the roll.

In attendance were board members MaryAnn Banks, Natalie Drozda, Andrew Grobe, 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.

School District Liaison Brenna Crable, and Commission Liaison Craig Grella were absent.

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the June 19, 2024 meeting minutes by Mr. Schevtchuk and seconded by Mr. Grobe. The vote was called and the minutes were approved unanimously.

1. Citizen Comments

Denise Hall-Burton of 1503 Mohican Drive, 15228, expressed concerns about use of lap lanes at the swim center and management of the pool.

Suzy Harouse of 341 Cedar Boulevard, 15228, discussed her concerns with the swimming pool filtration system, maintenance, lap lane policies and other issues.

2. Chairperson's Report

There was no report.

3. Commission Liaison Report

There was no report.

4. Staff Liaison Report

Mr. Avolio reported on park signage, installation of a bottle filler water fountain at Clearview Common, playground wood fiber safety surfaces were refreshed, poison ivy treatment, Dixon Field maintenance, installation of new bleachers at fields and other public works activities. He said a restroom unit had to be replaced in Bird Park due to vandalism.

Mr. Donnellan reported on the July 4 celebration, Fall Field Scheduling Meeting, tennis court reconstruction project, indoor tennis planning, and pool water quality issues.

5. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Pickleball Sub-Committee

Mr. Schevtchuk reported on activities of the sub-committee. He stated that the courts were well utilized by diverse age groups. He said that pickleball noise was a national concern. Pat West

noted that people using the courts that he spoke to would not mind closing them at 9 p.m. It was agreed that music should not be played at the courts. Mr. King suggested the committee speak with Chuck Vietmeier, a resident who is very knowledgeable about pickleball. It was agreed that this should be done.

6. Old Business

a. Field Census Study Update

Ms. Rost reported that the study was saved on the board's SharePoint site. She asked the board to review the report over the next month. She said the only way to add field space is to develop McNeilly Park. It was noted that the recent Parks Master Plan should be reviewed to see what was recommended for McNeilly Park.

7. New Business:

a. Consideration of an Arboretum Sub-Committee

Mr. Avolio discussed the requirements to maintain Level I Accreditation Arboretum and suggested a sub-committee be formed. One educational event must be held each year to maintain Level I accreditation. Mr. Avolio said that past board member, Elaine Kramer, agreed to participate on a sub-committee. Mr. Grobe and Ms. Drozda volunteered. Mr. Schevtchuk made a motion to approve, and Mr. King seconded. The vote was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

b. Mr. Langston recommended that the municipality's Naming Policy be updated. Mr. Donnellan said he would bring the request to the Municipal Manager for review.

c. The swim center filtration problems were discussed. Mr. Donnellan said he would be updating the Commission on July 23 and updates to the public would be forthcoming. Mr. Grobe shared that almost all pools in Allegheny County were experiencing similar problems due to high heat and high bather loads.

8. Announcement of Next Meeting Date and Time

Ms. Rost announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mt. Lebanon Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would be **Wednesday, August 21, 2024** at 7:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Drozda made a motion to adjourn. Mr. King seconded. The vote was called and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.