

MT. LEBANON PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024
7:00 P.M.
ROOM C
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, Tom Langston, Amanda Rost, Tom Schevtchuk and Mike Wallen. Also present were School District Liaison Brenna Crable, Commission Liaison Craig Grella, Parks and Facilities Coordinator Phil Avolio and Recreation Director David Donnellan.

Pat King and Pat West were absent.

1. Meeting Minutes

Mr. Grobe made a motion to approve the July 17, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schevtchuk. The vote was called and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Citizen Comments

Jared Colbert of 23 M. Meadowcroft Avenue spoke in favor of leaving the light schedule at Meadowcroft Park as is and suggested that things could be tried to reduce noise from pickleball.

Laura Crothers 23 N. Meadowcroft Avenue spoke about swim center policies concerning private swimming lessons, and concerns about turning off the lights earlier at Meadowcroft Park.

Vicki Guadagnino of 55 Glenn Ridge Lane spoke about the pickleball courts in Meadowcroft Park and her preference for the lights to remain on the current schedule.

3. Chairperson's Report

There was no report.

4. Commission Liaison Report

There was no report.

5. Staff Liaison Report

Mr. Donnellan reported on the status of the swim center, indoor tennis operations, the tennis court replacement project and the delivery of a new ice resurfacer for the ice rink.

6. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Pickleball Sub-Committee - Mr. Schevtchuk reported that he had talked with Chuck Vietmeier, a Mt. Lebanon resident, pickleball player and industry professional. Mr. Schevtchuk stated that Mr. Vietmeier did not think there would be a problem closing the courts at 9 p.m. or prohibiting music.

Ms. Rost made a motion to have the lights turned off at Meadowcroft Park at 9:30 p.m. every day and to prohibit music from being played in the park, using language similar to the swim center rules, and amend the pickleball rules signage to reflect these changes. Mr. Grobe seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

It was agreed that Chuck Vietmeier would be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss pickleball.

- b. Arboretum Sub-Committee – Mr. Grobe reported that the committee met to discuss hosting a tree giveaway event in October to maintain Level I Arboretum status. He said Allegheny County would provide 250 trees. Mr. Donnellan said he could assist the group with a location and some promotion of the event. This event will be reviewed by Mr. Avolio to ensure that it will meet the requirements. The target date is mid to late October. Zoning restrictions for tree planting should be considered.

7. Old Business

- a. Field Census Study Update – Next steps to advance the study were discussed.

8. New Business:

- a. Review McNeilly Park recommendations from the Parks Master Plan- Mr. Schevtchuk made motion to request that Gateway Engineers update the cost and scope of the previous plans for the development of fields in McNeilly Park. Ms. Drozda seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- b. Ms. Rost introduced a discussion of lap lanes rules and private swimming lessons at the swim center.
- c. Mr. Schevtchuk reported that there was a grant from the U.S. Forest Service that may be applicable to implementing the Oikos recommendations. He will share this information with Mr. Avolio.

9. Announcement of Next Meeting Date and Time

Ms. Rost announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mt. Lebanon Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would be **Wednesday, September 18, 2024** at 7:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.