

**MT. LEBANON PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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, Pat King, Tom Langston, Amanda Rost, Tom Schevtchuk and Mike Wallen. Also present were Parks and Facilities Coordinator Phil Avolio and Recreation Director David Donnellan.

Board members Andrew Grobe and Pat West were absent.

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

Sam Eberhart introduced himself and was welcomed as the new Junior Board Member.

1. Meeting Minutes

Approval of the August 21, 2024 meeting minutes- Mr. Schevtchuk made a motion to amend the minutes to correct two typographical errors, and approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Drozda seconded, and the minutes were approved as amended.

2. Citizen Comments

Brittany Florian of 445 Avon Drive spoke about concerns she had with Mt. Lebanon Youth Cheerleading Association.

Kara Manion of 348 Atlanta Drive spoke about her concerns regarding the youth cheerleading association.

Jennifer Minter of 798 Scrubgrass Road spoke about her concerns regarding the youth cheerleading association.

Tracy Riggle Young of 945 Old Hickory Road spoke about her concerns regarding the youth cheerleading association She suggested the creation of an umbrella organization to give oversight to youth sports organizations.

3. Chairperson's Report

No report.

4. Commission Liaison Report

No report.

5. Staff Liaison Report

Mr. Avolio reported on park signage installations, park tree planting, playground equipment repair, bench installations, invasive plant treatment, athletic field maintenance, asphalt walks installed at Brafferton, bleacher seating upgrades and other tasks.

Mr. Donnellan reported on swimming pool seasonal closing activities, the pool filtration replacement project, planned tennis bubble installation, tennis court 5-6 rehab and pickleball rules signage for Meadowcroft Park.

6. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Pickleball Sub-Committee- Resident, Chuck Vietmeier, discussed pickleball noise mitigation. He thought it would be cost prohibitive at Meadowcroft Park. He said quieter equipment is being developed.

b. Arboretum Sub-Committee- No report.

7. Old Business

a. Field Census Study Update- There was a discussion regarding the study and consideration of next steps.

b. Review McNeilly Park recommendations from the Parks Master Plan- Mr. Donnellan reported that Gateway is working on updating the costs and plans for developing fields and other amenities in McNeilly Park.

8. New Business:

a. Proposal to Rename Middle Field- Mr. Langston reported that a proposal had been presented to the Sports Advisory Board and would now be coming to the Parks and Recreation Board. It was agreed that the board would review the proposal at the next meeting after reviewing the municipality's naming policy.

b. Ms. Rost opened discussion regarding the concerns expressed about the youth cheerleading association. She offered that oversight of associations could be handled by an umbrella organization. Ms. Rost suggested the board review the policies and procedures documents for advisory boards to determine if and how the board could assist in resolving complaints. She said an agenda item to discuss youth sports organization oversight/umbrella organization would be added to the next meeting agenda.

c. Mr. King made a motion that the Commission convene a meeting with the key stakeholders from the Municipality and School District to discuss a possible joint recreation center and stadium project. Ms. Drozda seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Announcement of Next Meeting Date and Time The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mt. Lebanon Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is **Wednesday, October 16, 2024** at 7:00 p.m. All municipal meetings have a Zoom webinar component to enable residents to attend meetings virtually.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.