

MT. LEBANON PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025
6:00 P.M.
ROOM C
710 WASHINGTON ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PA 15228

Minutes

Amanda Rost called the meeting to order.

David Donnellan called the roll.

In attendance were board members Natalie Drozda, Ian Hurley, Pat King, Tom Langston, Amanda Rost, Tom Schevtchuk and Michelle Varnell. Junior Board Member Lorenzo Danley, Parks and Facilities Coordinator Phil Avolio and Recreation Director David Donnellan were also present.

Board members MaryAnn Banks and JJ Zaneta were absent.

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

1. Meeting Minutes

Approval of the September 17, 2025 meeting minutes- Mr. Schevtchuk made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. King seconded the motion. The vote was called, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Citizen Comments

Ross Himmler (921 Lovington Drive) discussed coating the tennis courts at Williamsburg Park and moving the pickleball lines to the basketball courts.

3. Chairperson's Report

No report.

4. Commission Liaison Report

No report.

5. Staff Liaison Report

Mr. Avolio reported the railings at Meadowcroft Park were scheduled to ship on October 27. He reported that the forestry crew was clearing dead and dying trees in the south end of Main Park.

Mr. Donnellan reported that the swim center filtration replacement project was underway and that the Pumpkin Patch Parade would take place uptown on October 25 at 11 a.m.

6. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Arboretum Sub-Committee- Ms. Drozda reported that there was an event last Saturday at the Uptown Market with master gardeners answering questions about native trees. She also said she is the only member of this sub-committee and would welcome additional members.
- b. Trail Connectivity and Mapping Sub-Committee- Mr. Schevtchuk suggested the trail from Castle Shannon Boulevard to Thornwood Drive was a possible trail connection. It was noted

that the property on Castle Shannon belongs to a private developer. Mr. Avolio stated that stream bank restoration was completed in that area and that he has it on his list for invasives control.

7. Old Business

- a. Youth Sports Organizations Oversight/Umbrella Organization- No report.
- b. Proposal to Rename Middle Field- Mr. Langston reported that he will follow up with the Flaherty Family for an update.
- c. Concept to Combine a New Recreation Center with a New Stadium- Mr. King requested a copy of the options for recreation center renovations as included in the Main Park Master Plan. Mr. Donnellan said he would share it when it was available. He also said there was a project for a recreation center renovation in the current Capital Improvement Program. Mr. King expressed his disappointment that Commissioner Grella was not in attendance and with his overall attendance at Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings. Mr. Schevtchuk agreed.
- d. Dog Park Research- Mr. Langston discussed some of the challenges associated with a dog park project, and questioned if it could get approval from the municipality.
- e. Bird Town Pennsylvania- Mr. Donnellan reported that the Commission supported the application process and that the official resolution of support would be on the Commission agenda at the October 28 meeting.
- f. Nature Conservancy Storage Shed- Mr. Avolio reported that possible locations were being discussed among staff.

8. New Business

Williamsburg Park Courts- Mr. Avolio shared that there is an expansion level in the 2026 recommended budget to apply sport coating to the courts.

The board discussed a skate park proposal.

9. Announcement of Next Meeting Date and Time The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mt. Lebanon Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is **Wednesday, November 19, 2025** at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.