

MT. LEBANON PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026
6:00 P.M.
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710 WASHINGTON ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PA 15228

Minutes

Mr. Langston called the meeting to order.

Mr. Donnellan called the roll.

In attendance were board members MaryAnn Banks, Natalie Drozda, Ian Hurley, Tom Langston, Tom Schevtchuk and JJ Zaneta. Commission Liaison Nick Petti, Parks and Facilities Coordinator Phil Avolio, Recreation Director David Donnellan and Junior Board Member Lorenzo Danley were also present.

Board members Pat King, Amanda Rost, and Michelle Varnell were absent.

School District Liaison Brenna Crable was absent.

1. Meeting Minutes

Approval of the January 21, 2026 meeting minutes- Mr. Schevtchuk made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Drozda seconded the motion. The vote was called, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Citizen Comments

No comments.

3. Chairperson's Report

No report.

4. Commission Liaison Report

Mr. Petti reported that the municipality was awarded \$850,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Recreation Center Accessibility Enhancements and Expansion Project. He also reported on the Recreation Department's presentation at the Residents Academy.

5. Staff Liaison Report

Mr. Avolio reported on planned playground fall zone installation at Rockwood Park, and other parks and facilities maintenance activities.

Mr. Donnellan provided a progress report on the swim center filtration replacement project.

6. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Arboretum Sub-Committee- Ms. Drozda provided background on the Arboretum and Tree City status for the municipality and the educational programming provided annually by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- b. Trail Connectivity and Mapping Sub-Committee- Mr. Schevtchuk provided background on the committee including plans for trail upgrades and maintenance.

7. **Old Business**

- a. Youth Sports Organizations Oversight/Umbrella Organization- Mr. Langston reviewed the Field Census Study.
- b. Proposal to Rename Middle Field- Mr. Langston suggested changing this agenda item to address naming proposals generally.
- c. Nature Conservancy Storage Shed- Mr. Avolio is confirming the location. He said Public Works would prepare the site and the Nature Conservancy would purchase the shed.

8. **New Business**

- a. Resiliency Board Presentation- Chet Wade from the Resiliency Board, and Commercial Districts Manager Eric Milliron presented a proposal to expand the tree canopy at the golf course.
- b. Racket Center Court Use Analysis- Mr. Donnellan presented a report on tennis court use analysis at the Racket Center for the 2025 outdoor season.
- c. Comprehensive Plan Goals Accomplished in 2025- Mr. Donnellan requested that the board review the report and contact him with any additions.
- d. Main Park Master Plan- The board was encouraged to review the plan prior to the next meeting.
- e. 2026 Improvement Projects- The projects list was discussed briefly and will be reviewed in more detail at the next meeting.

Mr. Schevtchuk reported that the Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy was working on a riparian restoration project in Twin Hills Park.

Ms. Drozda reported that there were complaints that the lights in Bird Park near Beadling Circle were too bright. She also reported that Hawthorn trees were cut down in the riparian area near Youngwood.

9. **Announcement of Next Meeting Date and Time** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mt. Lebanon Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is **Wednesday, March 18, 2026** at 6:00 p.m. All municipal meetings have a Zoom webinar component to enable residents to attend meetings virtually.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.