

## **Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**October 7, 2021 - 8:00 p.m.**

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Amanda Rost called the meeting to order and David Donnellan called the roll. The meeting was attended by board members Ed Cipriano, Stacie Hill, Tom Langston, Kristen Reisinger, Kari Resler, Amanda Rost, Shelly Saba, Katie Sharon, Ian Smith and Chad Wertz.

The meeting was also attended by Commissioner Mindy Ranney and Recreation Director David Donnellan.

Lynn Hagan, Megan O'Brakta and Stephen Strotmeyer were absent.

#### 2. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

#### 3. Approval of the September 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

#### 4. Commissioner Report

Commissioner Ranney reported that the Vibrant Uptown construction project was going well and that new affordable furniture was planned.

She said the manager would release his recommended budget by November 1, and four public discussion sessions with the Commission would be held in November and early December, but the dates were not yet available. She said the budget would be finalized by December 15 and would be voted on shortly after. She invited the board to share any budget related items with her prior to November 1.

She reported that groups are making recommendations to the Commission as part of the municipality's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative.

## 5. Field Census Survey

Amanda Rost reported that she collected information from all youth and adult sports organizations in Mt. Lebanon, and was now collecting school district and recreation use.

She said she met with Athletic Director John Grogan and that he was gathering information on participation numbers, fees, times for games and practice and other data. A survey also asked for recommendations for improvements and what organizations would do if space was not an issue. She said she was also getting coaches perspectives on how Mt. Lebanon facilities compare to other similar communities. She expects to get information back from Mr. Grogan by October 22.

She said that the recreation department also has a survey, and she would like to have it returned by October 22.

She said she and the rest of the committee (Tom Langston, Ian Smith and Stacie Hill) would be meeting to discuss next steps.

Tom Langston reminded the board that arial imaging of all fields was completed and that it will be used to help to maximize field use. He also said the school district was very supportive of the overall effort to use fields more efficiently.

Ed Cipriano said that games on Bird Park soccer field were adding traffic and interfering with dismissal at Markham. Shelly Saba clarified that those were school games. It was noted that some visiting schools need to go directly to a game after school and that and that other groups need the field later in the evening. It was noted that scheduling would be considered as part of the overall planning for more efficient field use.

Tom Langston stated that software could help with field allocation, by adjusting to changing information.

## 6. Recreation Center Feasibility Study/Parks Master Plan

Commissioner Ranny reported that there was a productive meeting with the consultants on the project and the Sports and Parks Advisory Boards on September 7.

She said the project team will review the consultants' recommendations first, then the advisory boards would review them at a joint meeting in November, followed by an open house. She said the Commission would review the information on November 23 and again in January at a public discussion session.

She encouraged the board to submit any questions or concerns to Chad Wertz, Amada Rost, her, or David Donnellan.

Mr. Langston asked if plans could incorporate funds from the school district. Commissioner Ranney said it would be challenging, but that she was open to it. Amanda Rost said the school district should be included in planning, and the district's assets should be considered with ours. She suggested the consultants have a conversation with the school district to get their perspective.

Commissioner Ranney said based on responses to the survey, residents don't want facilities outside of Mt. Lebanon. She said the survey included demographics and feedback from youth. She said the survey indicated that walking/jogging was more requested than running, cardio and aerobics was desired, and there was a low senior citizen response rate.

She said three primary locations would be considered for a recreation center: Main Park, the South Garage (along with the area behind the Municipal Building), and McNeilly Park. She said McNeilly was the least popular location.

Kari Resler asked if a bubble could be placed over the outdoor pool. David Donnellan said the existing slide, water features, pool shape, space and geography would make it challenging to install a bubble. Ms. Ranny said she would ask the consultants for their opinion.

#### 7. New Business

There was no new business.

#### 8. Announcements

Stacie Hill announced that she was trained on installing temporary lines on the turf.

Amanda Rost announced that the next meeting was scheduled for November 4.

#### 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.