

Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2022 - 8 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, Michael Diven, Kari Resler, Amanda Rost, Shelly Saba, Ian Smith and Stephen Strotmeyer.

The meeting was also attended by Commissioner Mindy Ranney, Recreation Director David Donnellan and Junior Board Member Ally Braunsdorf.

Andrew Grobe, Stacie Hill, Tom Langston, Kristen Reisinger, Katie Sharon and Chad Wertz were absent.

Amanda Rost introduced Ally Braunsdorf as the new Junior Board Member. All board members introduced themselves.

2. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

3. Approval of the May 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Commissioner Report

Commissioner Ranney reported that Commissioner Leeann Foster resigned as Commissioner because she is moving out of Mt. Lebanon. She said that there will be an application and public selection process.

5. Field Census

Amanda Rost reported that the committee gathered and compiled a lot of data on sports field usage from various user groups, and is compiling it for presentation to various stakeholders.

6. Recreation Center Feasibility Study/Parks Master Plan

Ms. Rost reported that there was a neighborhood meeting in Brafferton Park to show plans for the park and hear the neighborhood residents' desires for the park. She said residents wanted to retain the athletic field, a multiuse surface for the basketball court and a playground appropriate for older age groups. She also said fencing repairs, walking trails and parking were requested. It was noted that a connecting pathway could be made with Valley Park Drive. Ms. Rost also said residents requested that basic safety concerns be addressed.

Mindy Ranney reported that the athletic field was prioritized by residents and a pickleball/multi-purpose sport court was requested. She said there is an approximately \$80,000 project in the Capital Improvement Plan to grass over the infield, provide drainage and fencing repairs and remove the backstop.

Ms. Ranney said other high priority items from the Parks Master Plan were sports field utilization, invasives management plan, wayfinding and signage and recreation center architectural study.

7. Prioritization of Sports Related Improvement Projects

Amanda Rost reported that prioritizing projects was an annual task of the Sports Advisory Board. She asked if the current list had been shared with the Commission. Mr. Donnellan said that it would be included in the budget SharePoint site. Commissioner Ranney said she would send it to the other Commissioners.

8. Recreation Department Advertising

There was no report.

9. Standardized Field Signage Proposal

Ms. Ranney said she and Tom Langston met with members of the Parks Advisory Board. She said the municipality would like to review Allegheny County's plan and vendors to see if it could use a similar template.

10. Comprehensive Plan Advisory Group

Mr. Donnellan reported that a preliminary survey was completed and that a more comprehensive survey was issued recently. He said there was a link in the current recreation newsletter that was sent out today. He said the comprehensive plan had its own web page with the survey and an interactive map.

11. New Business

There was a discussion regarding portable toilets. Ian Smith shared that softball had provided a unit at Brafferton in the past, and also provided several units at other fields.

Mr. Donnellan said the municipality provides units at Cedar Boulevard and Bird Park fields.

Amanda Rost said portable toilets served residents in the area, not just sports organizations. She also proposed reaching out to the school district to request additional units. Ms. Rost said she would reach out to Jeff Kaiser to determine what vendor the school district uses and see if there was an option to collaborate.

Ian Smith shared that the school district updated Jefferson Pony and Lincoln Major fields over the summer by cutting back the lip to the outfield and laser leveling the infield. He said that the municipality would be replacing the outfield fencing at Dixon Field this fall.

Mr. Smith reported that the Clint Seymour Fund held its annual baseball tournament this year with about 110 kids participating.

Mr. Smith also shared photos and discussed the baseball association's renovation of the batting cages. They were assisted by the high school baseball team and the public works department. He said they would be holding a grand opening in October.

Michael Diven shared photos and an update on the progress of the new platform tennis hut project. He said the platform tennis association raised funds for the building and the municipality brought in sewer and water lines.

12. Announcements

David Donnellan asked the board to complete and share the comprehensive plan survey. He said that a department-wide recreation program survey would be announced soon.

Amanda Rost announced that the next meeting would be on October 6 at 8 p.m.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.