

Mt. Lebanon Sports Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2020 - 8:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chad Wertz called the meeting to order and David Donnellan called the roll. The meeting was attended by board members Dave Franklin, Don Gavett, Lynn Hagan, Walt Henry, Megan O'Brakta, Amanda Rost, Shelly Saba, Ian Smith and Chad Wertz. The meeting was also attended by Recreation Director, David Donnellan.

Becki Campanaro, Tom Donati and Stacie Hill were absent.

Tom Langston joined the meeting after it began.

2. Citizen Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Consideration of the March 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Recreation Center Feasibility Study Update

Mr. Donnellan reported that the timeline shifted a little due to COVID-19. The project team did not meet as planned in March, but hopefully will meet later in September. A grant application was reviewed by the project team and submitted as scheduled in May. A funding decision should be issued later this month. The rest of the schedule remains about the same: issue RFP in Sept/Oct, select consultant in Dec. and conduct the study in Jan.-July 2021 timeframe, then make recommendations for the 2022 budget.

5. Sports Organizations Communication and Data Meeting

Mr. Donnellan stated that Tom Langston was taking the lead on this topic, but that organizations were likely focused on dealing with issues related to COVID-19.

6. Prioritization of Sports Related Improvement Projects

Mr. Donnellan informed new board members that the board periodically reviews and prioritizes sports related projects and gave them some background on the process. He invited the board to review and add or delete projects from the list as it appeared

in their packets. He suggested a final list of priorities be submitted to the Commission prior to budget discussions.

Mr. Donnellan updated the board on the tennis center reconstruction project. He said the bids came in much higher than anticipated for a variety of reasons, which included: the contractor's bid was \$35,000 higher than his estimate for the work, there was unanticipated additional electrical work, modifications to the grade beam, additional design work, bidding was conducted twice, and work was done to investigate a potential grant with the USTA.

He reported that it was also decided to only rebuild two of the 6 courts due to concerns with the construction schedule running up against the indoor season and the time to put up the bubbles. This would allow Mt. Lebanon to apply for funding from the USTA for the remaining courts. The balance to complete the other four courts is estimated to be about \$444,900 (Indoor would contribute 45% or \$200,205). He suggested that the board may want to add this project to the list.

Mr. Donnellan shared the list of projects that consisted of the list that was approved at the March meeting, with the addition of the 4 tennis courts that were not completed this year.

Tom Langston joined the meeting during the review of the list.

Mr. Franklin commented that he believed it was a logical time to request a change order for pickleball in lieu of tennis for the Meadowcroft Park project. Mr. Donnellan stated that he did not believe that was possible.

Megan O'Brakta commented on how popular pickleball has become, and suggested the use of portable nets. Mr. Donnellan had concerns regarding vandalism of portable nets.

Tom Langston stated that he would request a formal vote from the softball association regarding whether Brafferton field should maintain an infield, and he will provide a formal response to the board.

Mr. Langston also indicated he would investigate potential grants for the rink changing rooms.

It was agreed that the proposal from platform tennis should be moved ahead in the agenda so that it could be considered while prioritizing projects.

Dan Caste and Don Gavett presented a proposal for the renovation of the platform tennis hut. The proposal included a second floor, outside deck and one or two restrooms. The association is raising funds for the project to cover the building costs. The request of the municipality is to cover the cost of water and sewage utilities. They shared conceptual drawings of the proposed facility.

The board made a recommendation for approval of the platform tennis hut renovation as proposed by the Mt. Lebanon Platform Tennis Association.

It was agreed that Chad Wertz would write a letter to the Commission on behalf of the board in support of requesting a change order to the project at Meadowcroft to replace tennis with pickleball.

The following list of projects was approved:

Sports Related Projects Worksheet- September 10, 2020					
Rank	Project	Estimated Cost	Private Contribution	Net Municipal Cost	Comments
1	Pickleball Court Project	\$ 99,150.00	\$ -	\$ 99,150.00	Convert existing tennis courts into 8 pickleball courts in Meadowcroft Park. 2021 cost.
2	Platform Tennis Hut Expansion	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	Expand the hut and include restroom(s), second floor and deck. . 2021 cost.
3	Golf Course Cart Path Improvements- Phase 2	\$ 91,900.00	\$ -	\$ 91,900.00	Adjusted for 2021 prices.
4	Ice Rink Changing Rooms	\$ 30,000.00			Estimate subject to engineer's review. Changing rooms only within existing space in the lobby.
5	Completion of Tennis Court Reconstruction of Courts 3-6	\$ 444,900.00	\$ 200,205.00	\$ 244,695.00	Replace tennis courts 3-6 including subsurface irrigation with contributions from Indoor Tennis.
6	Tennis Courts 7 and 8 Lighting Replacement	\$ 106,720.00	\$ -	\$ 106,720.00	Replace lights on existing poles with LED fixtures. 2021 cost.
7	Light Seymour Field	\$ 586,500.00	\$ -	\$ 586,500.00	Cost to light Seymour Field with metal halide Musco lighting system. 8 new poles (2 shared). 2023 cost.
8	Golf Course Pavilion	\$ 81,000.00	\$ -	\$ 81,000.00	Adjusted to 2022 prices.
9	Golf Course Restroom	\$ 52,950.00	\$ -	\$ 52,950.00	Prefabricated toilet facility. No utilities. 2021 prices.
10	Front Deck Mower	\$ 27,000.00		\$ 27,000.00	2021 cost.
11	Recreation Center Concrete Replacement	\$ 996,480.00	\$ -	\$ 996,480.00	Replace all concrete surrounding the recreation center. Includes an ADA compliant walkway to the second floor, and new benches in plaza. 2021 cost.
12	Rec Center Roof Replacement	\$ 1,309,680.00	\$ -	\$ 1,309,680.00	2021 cost.
Smaller Projects					
Rank	Project	Estimated Cost	Private Contribution	Net Municipal Cost	Comments
1	Brafferton Field Infield and drainage improvements	\$ 21,000.00		\$ 21,000.00	Add infield mix, recrown field, redefine the infield radius to the appropriate dimension, reset the pitcher's rubber, home plate and bases. Install Hydroblox drainage system. Contribution from Softball Association.

7. New Business

a. Mt. Lebanon Platform Tennis Association Proposal for Paddle Hut Renovation- Don Gavett/Dan Caste

This item was covered during the discussion of sports related projects earlier in the meeting.

b. COVID-19 Impacts, Considerations and Best practices

Mr. Donnellan recognized the sports associations for their efforts in putting together health and safety plans to return kids to sports, and for following those guidelines.

Amanda Rost expressed concerns that people were photographing children at the fields and making complaints that the organizations were not following health and safety protocols. She suggested that maybe there should be an effort to educate the general public on the regulations, and/or a police presence at the fields.

Organizations publish their individual health and safety plans on their websites, and the board considered requesting that the municipality provide links to these plans on the municipal website. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Donnellan would post a message to the municipal website that states organized sports on municipal fields have a return to play health and safety plan that has been approved by the municipality.

8. Announcements

Mr. Langston said he has aerial pictures of fields and again invited board members to look at working together on maximizing field use, including developing a questionnaire to support individual organization's needs. Amanda Rost expressed interested in participating.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.