

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MAY 3, 2004**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the North Lebanon Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 PM at the North Lebanon Township Municipal Building, 725 Kimmerlings Road, Lebanon, PA, with the following people present:

Dawn M. Hawkins	Vice-Chairperson
Edward A. Brensinger	Treasurer
Cheri F. Grumbine	Township Manager

Also in attendance was, Jim Ryan of the Lebanon Daily News, Al Winn of the Patriot News, Theresa George, NLT employee and approximately 6 other individuals.

The meeting was called to order and the pledge to the American flag was done.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A.)Paul Schwab – 1105 Hunters Chase Lane

Mr. Schwab said he wanted to discuss the future recreational property located on Narrows Dr. He told the Board he was walking at Lions Lake today and he had noticed a broken window. How does the Board expect to prevent vandalism at a park as secluded as this Narrows Dr property will be? At Lions Lake there are homes around the area and there is still vandalism. He then asked if anyone knows how much it will cost to develop the area on Narrows Dr. Suv Brensinger explained the Twp is in the early stages of creating a plan to develop this park area. Schwab replied he is sure it will cost plenty of money and then the Board is going to want to raise taxes again. Mr. Schwab said he wants to go on record as saying he wants the Twp to sell this property. The Twp should just forget about a park, in his opinion. He told the Board that everyone he speaks to agrees with this opinion. Schwab said Lions Lake Park gets used by the public but does not get used “hard” in his opinion.

Suv Hawkins remarked that the plans for developing the park are not even in place yet. Schwab said the more plans you make the more committed you will be to do something with the area. Raising the taxes to meet the budget this year and the vandalism at the Lions Lake Park should tell you (the Board) that you should not develop another park in this Twp. Schwab then repeated this Twp does not need another park in his opinion. Suv Hawkins told him she disagreed with his assessment that the Narrows Dr property is more secluded than the Lions Lake Park. She told him there are homes all around the borders of the Narrows Dr property. She also told him he is speaking for all these people who are against this park area. She would like to have names of these people he is speaking about. Then what about the people who DO want the park area? Schwab replied, “Who? Show me the names of the people who do want it?”

Schwab – Narrows Drive Recreational Area (con't)

Schwab then started talking about the “Fees in Lieu Of” funds that are collected from the developers. Suv Brensinger had to explain the process. Any fees collected in the West District must be used for recreation in the West or Central Districts. Fees collected in the East District must be used in the East District or the Central District. Fees collected from the Central District could be used for East, Central or West Districts. However, all funds MUST be used for recreational purposes only. This was established as a part of the Comprehensive Plan many years ago.

Schwab then repeated he walks almost daily at Lions Lake and he never sees it as being overcrowded. What do we need another park for? Is it to provide more ball fields? Suv Brensinger said there would probably be some ball fields there. Mgr Grumbine agreed this is part of the unofficial plan for the area. She said a Comprehensive Plan would be completed to outline the official plans for the area. This was how Lions Lake Park was created also. A Plan was worked on which involved surveying the residents of the Twp to gather information of what they felt is needed for recreation in the Twp. The Plan will hopefully be started this year yet and will take about a year to complete. When all the information is gathered and the “needs” are identified, specific costs will then be outlined. Sometimes multi-phasing is used to accomplish all the desired features for the Park area. Schwab said so you are telling me there will be a park no matter what. Mgr Grumbine replied she would go on record as saying she personally hopes there will be a park with some type of recreation there. She cited one of her reasons being the statistics that are published from the F.O.P., which says that when organized recreation is provided for the youth there is a decrease in crime rates for that age group. Schwab stated he feels activities are important for youth but he still has a problem when he sees the vandalism. Mgr Grumbine and Suv Brensinger both stated the vandalism would occur no matter what is decided. Unfortunately with society the way it is, vandalism is a part of life said Suv Brensinger. Hopefully we can get things to turn around. This would not happen if we abandon the youth.

Schwab responded that he does not wish to abandon the youth. He said he has been told the Twp could have purchased property at the Long Lane fields where the apartment complex has been constructed. Why didn't the Twp do that? Mgr Grumbine asked him if he has any idea how much that property sold for? Schwab asked how much? Suv Brensinger replied the cost was \$350,000 for 7 acres. Mgr Grumbine said the Twp could not afford that price. The Twp paid \$410,000 for the Narrows Dr property according to Schwab. Suv Brensinger pointed the \$410,000 was for 30 acres NOT 7 acres. He asked how many ball fields 7 acres would contain. Mgr Grumbine stated she was unsure due to the radio station towers and wires. Suv Brensinger said he would guess maybe 2 ball fields due to the topo of the area. He told Schwab he is assuming he is asking about baseball fields. Schwab agreed yes he was thinking of baseball fields.

B.)Brenda Miller – 1725 Heilmandale Rd

Ms Miller said she would like to ask a few questions about the GLRA's applications to increase their capacity intake for the landfill. She asked if anyone present tonight has anything new to add since the last public meeting was held. Suv Hawkins said she had not heard anything new but she is sure they are still working things out in Harrisburg (DEP). Suv Brensinger responded by saying he thinks if anything had developed the Twp would have been notified. At this point PADOT is still reviewing their traffic concerns and the final determination rests with DEP. Ms Miller asked if the next Public meeting has been scheduled yet. The Landfill has had its 2nd meeting with neighboring property owners however DEP has not held its Public meeting to date.

Ms Miller asked the Board if they have any idea of when this meeting might be held. Mgr Grumbine thought the GLRA might discuss it tomorrow night at their monthly meeting. She told Miller the representative from NLT would be present at the meeting tomorrow night.

C.)Martin Barondik – New Street

Mr. Barondik referred to Mgr Grumbine's remark about statistics reported in the F.O.P. about crime rates. He then asked if they ever wonder who it is that compiles these reports? It seems to him the statistics always seem to fit someone's agenda. Barondik then mentioned ball fields. He said when he goes out to the school athletic areas, he wonders when everyone will get back to basics. The kids don't know how to use their imagination anymore. Everything has to be presented to the kids. He stated when he was a kid there was 1 ball field in Ebenezer and all the kids shared the space. Barondik then said he is tired of funding this type of thing with his tax money. He agrees with Mr. Schwab, "What do we need another park for?"

Suv Hawkins told Barondik he should remember that when he was a kid there were only a handful of houses in the area. Therefore there were only a handful of kids using the fields. Today there is at least 20 times that amount. Left to their own imagination the kids get into situations such as was described by Mr. Schwab. She said the adults must provide something for the kids to do. Unfortunately that is the way society is going today. All too often the kids are left alone without adult supervision. Barondik then said everybody today has a car. They can drive to Lions Lake Park. We do not need another park, in his opinion. North Lebanon Twp will soon look like Knoebels Grove Park, according to Barondik.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from April 22, 2004. Unanimously carried.

**MOTION TO APPROVE PAYROLL AND PAYMENT OF INVOICES
SUBJECT TO AUDIT**

MOTION: Was made and seconded to approve payment of payroll and payment of invoices subject to audit. Unanimously carried.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT – Cheri F. Grumbine**A.)Tire Collection Results**

Mgr Grumbine reported to the Board on information Phil Hall has provided in regards to the tire collection, which was held on April 7, 2004. The original record lists 64 participants from NLT, with a total of 515 auto tires and 8 large tires. In reviewing this report there are 4 participants listed who are not NLT residents. This reduces the number to 60 participants and a total of 459 auto tires and 8 large tires. A May 5th deadline has been set for each municipality to review the report and note any corrections that need to be made by Phil Hall. After May 5 Phil Hall will revise the report and the Township will be billed accordingly. The tentative costs to the Twp for this program is \$365. This fee will be revised based on the above information and any corrections that other municipalities have reported.

Suv Hawkins questioned if this item was budgeted? Mgr Grumbine explained the tire collection is budgeted from the Recycling Fund. The amount budgeted for this year was \$1300. Mgr Grumbine said she is happy to see so many of our residents taking advantage of this program. It helps to keep the roadsides cleaned up. Suv Brensinger said the Twp road crew had taken a load of tires to the drop off which had been collected from the roadside throughout the course of the year. He said he did not notice this count on the written report. Mgr Grumbine stated that would probably be one of the corrections when the revised report comes back to our office.

B.)Lot off N 8th Street

Bonnie Grumbine has provided information on a complaint for a property located on N 8th St. In reviewing the property file for this property, it was discovered the condition of this property had been pursued many years ago. The current complaint was about construction equipment and a very old camper that has been present on this property for a long time. There is also a pavilion type structure on the property that is in a state of disrepair. Mgr Grumbine reported that she has asked Sol Wolf to research this property as it appears there was a court order placed several years ago. He will review to see if the order is still effective or if the Twp must pursue this matter a second time. Bonnie is looking to the Board for a direction to go with this property. Suv Hawkins said it is a good idea to wait and see what Sol Wolf has to report about the previous court order, which had been placed. Suv Brensinger said he felt he should go out and visit the site. Suv Hawkins agreed this would be a good idea for her also.

C.)Petition Received from Hilda Werni – Canal St & N 8th Avenue

Mgr Grumbine told the Board the office had received a petition from Hilda Werni of David Drive. She read the petition, which expressed concerns about traffic flow at Canal St and N 8th Ave. The petition suggests that E Canal St be made a one-way street traveling west to 7th Ave. There are many signatures but no addresses on the petition.

After some conversation it was decided to contact the owner of the property that is situated on the corner. Suv Brensinger and Suv Hawkins both agreed before any type of traffic changes are issued, contact should be made with the property owner. Maybe it is possible to cut back on the bank to improve visibility. Mgr Grumbine suggested the Supervisors visit the site and then a future discussion could be had on this issue.

E.) Ebenezer Fire Co – Request for Fire Police @ Car Show

Mgr Grumbine told the Board a request had been received from Ebenezer Fire Co about using Fire Police from other municipalities for traffic control during the scheduled Car Show (May 22). There would be a total of 3 in all. The request is to list these individuals as additional insured on the Twp liability policy and workers comp. Mgr Grumbine had contacted the Twp's insurance agent who indicated it would cost \$30.00 per certificate. If all individuals were from one Fire Company it would cost just the \$30. Suv Hawkins asked if we have the names of the individuals. Mgr Grumbine responded we would have to have the names to list on the insurance.

Suv Brensinger suggested we contact Randy Rhodes to confirm he has exhausted all the members within our Twp. At that time we could pursue the necessary insurance certificates required. A MOTION could not wait until next meeting due to the dates involved.

MOTION: Was made and seconded to first exhaust all means of using NL Twp fire police. If that does not work out we would then pursue the insurance certificates for the use of other Fire police. Unanimously carried.

D.)Concern Roberto's Towing Business – Maple Street

Bruce Sattazahn apologized for being late this evening and missing the Comments from Public segment. He voiced a concern about an address on Maple Street – Roberto's Towing, former T&C Oil Company. Sattazahn stated there are several cars parked to the rear of the building and it is beginning to look a little "shabby" there. He is requesting Chf Wolfe to take a look and see if there might be some sort of violation. He then said maybe this is more of a zoning problem but he remembered Chf Wolfe being involved with the car dealer on 22nd St. Sattazahn said the cars are sitting exactly on the berm of the road. He was aware of the fact that this business was approved conditionally due to a non-conforming use. He did not remember if there was a limit of vehicles to be stored on the property. Suv Brensinger said he remembered a variance was received to operate this business.

Towing Business – Maple Street (con't)

The details or restrictions would have to be researched. Suv Hawkins said she felt we could ask the Chf to take a look at this situation. Suv Brensinger asked Mgr Grumbine if she would make contact with the Chief about this issue. Another issue to be checked at the same time is the lighted rental sign that is placed out along side Maple Street. Sattazahn said there is also a tilt-bed truck sitting outside for sale that helps to create a sight problem.

Martin Barondik – Intersection of N Rte 72 & 22nd Street

Mr. Barondik told the Board he is aware this intersection is a PADOT atrocity and the Twp was not involved with the design. He wanted to go on record to say this is the biggest nightmare he has ever seen. Barondik then asked if the Board knows anything about a traffic light at this intersection. They both agreed that there has been no information about a traffic light. Suv Brensinger agreed this intersection is not the best that was ever designed. Barondik then said the motorists don't obey the traffic patterns anyway and he expects to have a terrible accident there one day.

Paul Schwab – Wal Mart Intersection

Mr. Schwab said he has a real problem with the intersection at Wal Mart, the 15th Ave intersection and Lehman St. Suv Brensinger laughed again, telling Schwab that the 15th Ave intersection is also a PADOT design even though Lehman St is a Twp street. There was some joking about these traffic issues and some of the decisions that are made regarding them.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no comments from the Board members and there being no more business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa L. George
Recording Secretary