

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
March 1, 2011**

The meeting of the North Lebanon Township Parks & Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at the North Lebanon Township Municipal Building located at 725 Kimmerlings Road, North Lebanon Township. The meeting started with the pledge to the flag.

The following members were present:

Constance Snavely	Member
Jay Snavely	Member
Gary Zelinske	Member
Dwayne Elder	Member
Sheila Wartluft	Asst. Manager

Three guests were present including representatives from Cornwall, South Lebanon Township, and Gannett Fleming.

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded to approve the January minutes as the February meeting was cancelled. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Michelle Brummer from Gannett Fleming began the discussion of recreation within the Cornwall Lebanon School District to be used to develop a regional Comprehensive Plan for the municipalities and boroughs involved.

Discussion focused on South Lebanon, Cornwall, North Lebanon, as well as West Cornwall and North Cornwall. Curt Kulp from S. Lebanon discussed the small neighborhood park that they have in the Avon area, the large South Hills Park and the privately owned AES Park. Curt mentioned that they have plenty of ball fields and also have amenities at CCHS as well as the Iona pool for their residents to use. A 60 acre tract is also owned by S. Lebanon, but no plans are in place for that particular site at this time.

John Karinch discussed the Cornwall amenities at Goosetown and Rexmont, the Cornwall Elementary playground and the midget football field site that is privately owned. There are also future plans for a developer donated recreation area. Some of the private communities also have community centers that are being developed.

North Cornwall has no existing parks but has a few mapped on a Master Site Plan that will be future improvements. These sites consist of about 34 acres in the 22nd Street area. They also have a trail plan for bikes and possible equestrian use.

There is currently a wetland banking area located in North Cornwall. North Cornwall is also in the process of adopting new regulations for land use.

West Cornwall has a golf course and a small playground.

N. Lebanon parks were discussed by the participants. The 3 current parks which include Lion's Lake, Community Park and the Long Lane fields were discussed, including the amenities they had to offer. All parks are owned and maintained by N. Lebanon. Ballfield availability was mentioned as well as agreements that are now signed by the sports organizations. The new Lenni Lenape Park was also mentioned, as well as grants that are in place to begin construction of the park later this year.

General comments were made about each municipality being at different levels of recreational maturity as N. Lebanon is winding down on the planned parks and others are anticipating some future park growth. Challenges of topography and geography were discussed by the group.

The Rail Trail was discussed extensively by all parties as it is very heavily used in the Cornwall and S. Lebanon areas and many connections and spurs are planned for the future. The focus is on connecting the schools to South Hills Park in S. Lebanon. N. Lebanon is part of the Northern Tier study so no Rail Trail has been installed in that municipality.

Recreational programs were next addressed by the group, but the consensus was that in the past there were planned activities but no one in our group offers those types of programs anymore due to lack of interest. Programs are offered by outside entities such as the City. Budgets were also briefly discussed by the group.

NEW BUSINESS

Pertinent Issues

Sheila mentioned that we have another Eagle Scout that would like to extend another portion of the natural trail that was begun at the Lenni Lenape Park.

OLD BUSINESS

The Meiley dedication plaque was discussed and it was reported that it had been ordered with plans to install in the near future.

The DCNR signed agreement for the Lenni Lenape Park development has been returned, but we have not yet been issued a Notice to Proceed letter, nor has the land development plan been approved. We expect plan approval in the next few months.

Pertinent Issues

With there being no more business brought before the Parks and Recreation Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bertin
Recording Secretary