

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
APRIL 6, 2004**

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 following members were present:

Evelina Krall	Chairman
Clyde Ebersole	Vice-Chairman
Gary Zelinske	Member
Steve Smith	Member
Jay Snavelly	Member
Sheila Wartluft	Asst. Manager

Also, in attendance were 4 Township residents.

At this time, Chairman Krall called for a motion to approve the March minutes.

MOTION: Motion was made and second to approve the March minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Meyer – Ice Cream Parlor

Chairman Krall introduced Mr and Mrs. Meyer as individuals that would like to operate an ice cream parlor out of the building that once housed the “Snack and Paddle” operation at the Lake. She then asked them to speak to the Board. Mr. Meyer said he has been speaking to Sheila for the last few weeks about possibly turning the snack stand at the lake into a little ice cream parlor. It would not be to the point that the last gentleman had it, as far as the types of foods served and the boats. Jay asked how many rooms are they looking at needing to occupy? Mr. Meyer said they would like to use the big room (west side) and also, the long section that is on the south east side of the building. This is where the picnic tables had been housed for the other business. The other room they would be looking at using would be for supplies and storage. Chairman Krall asked if they are thinking about vending machines and the like? They both said they are not. Vice Chairman Ebersole asked if the side for the parlor would be handicapped accessible? Mr. Meyer said there would be a walk-up window in the future, but for the immediate time, they would be able to enter through the hallway entrance. The walk up window is not in

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the current plans, but would be in the future. After walking through the building they have come to the conclusion that the best place for the ice cream parlor would be on the North side of that room. He had also talked to Dave about possibly removing the closet that is in that room. They looked at the closet and it would only take a few minutes for the removal, plus you could remove it in such a way that we could save it in the event that it would be needed in the future to be put back up. Everything inside that closet matches the room, so there would be no painting needed to make it match. The floor, the lights, the walls, everything is the same. He then also mentioned that this closet also has a small window on the north wall up close to the ceiling that would be ideal for a small air conditioner. Mr. Meyer said they are not looking at doing anything like Dairy Queen or Twin Kiss or that sort of thing. They are looking at providing hand-dipped ice cream and soft serve. He said he knows of people that will drive to Harrisburg for hand dipped ice cream. Mrs. Meyer said they live right there by the Lake and she personally enjoys walking at the lake. She said when Mr. Zimmerman had the stand; she would stop and buy an ice cream cone. She said there were always people coming and going and now there is nothing. Chairman Krall asked if this is their main occupation or do they work elsewhere? Mrs. Meyer said they work other than this. They are not looking to make a living off of this. They just feel this is something that the park could use. There was some question as the hours of operation because Mr. Meyer had given Sheila a plan of operations and listed the hours as 5-10 pm Monday thru Friday, with Saturday and Sunday, 2-10 pm. Someone asked if the park is open that late? Mr. Meyer said that was one of the problems. The park closes at dusk, so those hours would have to be adjusted accordingly. Mrs. Meyer said that they put 10 pm so that it can be worked with. Whenever the park closes is when they would close. Chairman Krall said she would suggest closing at 9 pm, because there are always people that will hang around or come in at five till ten. Mr. Meyer said he understands the Boards point of view on this and it is acceptable. Mr. Meyer also mentioned that after speaking to Dave, he feels opening this business may deter some of the vandalism that is going on down there because of in-activity at the park. Sheila asked to interject some of the things that she and Dave discussed earlier. She said she has photos of the interior of the building that is in question that show some of the repairs and painting that needs to be done. Mr. Meyer asked to add some things here. He said one of the doors, when they came out of the building, had a lot of names scratched in it. Low and behold he recognized some of the names and then approached two of these individuals. They have volunteered their time to help paint those doors. Mr. Meyer then said that they would be willing to help take care of both the inside and the outside of the building. Sheila said that she did talk to Dave about the bathrooms and he said that they are open now and are pretty much open until the park is closed in the fall. Chairman Krall said she has a suggestion about this. She said if we are willing to allow them to rent the building for their venture, maybe we could ask them if they would be willing to lock the bathrooms in the evening. Sheila said but we don't lock them anymore, since we have the park patrolled in the evening. Mr. Meyer said if that is the only thing that would be holding this up, he would be more than willing to lock the restrooms at night. Chairman Krall said that would not hold up the Boards decision, as she is just looking ahead. Mr. Meyer said that they would also be willing to take care of the maintenance of the restrooms in the building that they would be renting as far as the

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housekeeping end of it would go. Dave told them that the only problem he had with the restrooms is that every now and then someone would try to flush an entire roll of toilet paper, which in turn would clog the toilets. Sheila also mentioned as in the past, if the Board so chooses to rent the building to the Meyers, an agreement would have to be drawn up and signed by all parties involved. She has given a copy of the past agreement to the Board members to go over in the event that they would like to change anything on it. Previously we had done a 3-year lease and this would be another thing that would have to be worked out. We have also looked to putting a telephone in this building for safety purposes. Mr. Meyer said there is a phone jack in the building when he went in to look at it. In the previous agreements, the lessee was responsible for the telephone bills for that phone and would most likely be in this case also. Mr. Meyer said they would be interested in keeping the phone line because being able to process debit cards and Mac cards and the like. The other thing that was discussed in previous agreements were the other utilities, such as electricity, water and sewer. Those are all things that need to be addressed in this agreement. Jay asked if the bills that were presented to Mr. Zimmerman were not a percent of the actual bill, not the entire bill? Sheila said she is not sure of the exact amounts. She does know that the time frame of the business was until dark and was open, March 1st to October 30th. Chairman Krall said she would be OK with 9:30 if the Supervisors OK'd it as well. There was some discussion about the 9:30 closing time and it was decided that 9:30 would probably be too late. Another thing that Sheila said would be included in the agreement would be the insurance issue. The Meyers would have to provide proof of insurance to the Township to cover anything that might happen. Mr. Meyer said that would be no problem. There are a number of other things that were in Mr. Zimmermans' agreement that might or might not pertain to the Meyers', but the Board will look this into. Chairman Krall asked the Meyers' if they are considering having a line of dietetic ice cream? He said most definitely, as he is diabetic himself, as well as having frozen yogurt. Vice Chairman Ebersole asked Sheila, if the Meyers come to terms with the Township, would they also have to be bound to a 3-year lease? Sheila said not necessarily. It is her thought that the previous operator of the business wanted the multi year lease; it was not the Townships' idea. She feels if the Board gives a good recommendation to the Supervisors and they go ahead with it, this is something that could be worked out. Mr. Meyer then asked if he would have to talk to the Supervisors about the hours of operation? Chairman Krall said the Board could make a recommendation to the Supervisors on their behalf. She wanted to confirm that the hours of 5-9 would work for them? Mr. Meyer said yes. Clyde said you have to remember that the rules for the park do state "closes at dusk" and we would want to make sure that we abide by those hours as closely as possible. As long as it is only the Meyers and their employees in the building cleaning up after closing time/dusk, then that should be OK. But then who interprets dusk? Mr. Meyer asked if there is a concern about vandalism after dark, or is there a liability concern after dark that doesn't exist during the daylight hours? Sheila said it has to do with our rules and regulations of the parks in the Township and the consistency of those rules. Mr. Meyer said he understands this and will accept their decision. Although, other Board member mentioned that since this is a controlled environment and will have the lights of the building along with the cars on the lot, this could make a difference in the minds of the Supervisors. He thinks that this needs to be

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taken into consideration by the Board of Supervisors before a final decision is made. Chairman Krall said this is a very good point. It was also pointed out that the closer to fall you get the shorter and shorter the amount of time the parlor will be able to be open and that is not fair as well. One of the residents in attendance asked how late do the ball games go at the lake? Chairman Krall said it all depends if we have lights or not. One of the Board members said that they usually are over by 8:30 PM. Most league rules state that you cannot start a ball game after 8:00 PM. So most of the games will be over by 8:30 PM. It might be a good idea to compromise by saying they have to close by 9:30 in order for the players and spectators of those games to get to the parlor if they so desire before they close. He feels that saying dusk is too nebulant. Let's give them a specific time, meet them halfway and say 9:30 PM. Chairman Krall agreed with this.

MOTION: Motion was made and second to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the operation of the Ice Cream Parlor as suggested by the Meyers, including the hours of operation. Motion approved.

Chairman Krall said she is excited about the possibility of the ice cream parlor at the Lake and would like to see it happen. Plus here is an empty building that can be used and not left sitting empty just waiting to be vandalized.

Mr. Meyer asked what their next step would be with the Township? Chairman Krall said that they now need to be placed on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors and present their plan to them for their approval as well. Sheila said it is possible that discussions could be held in the interim before the next Board meeting. Mr. Meyer asked if there is any way that he could get in the building now to start painting and the like? Chairman Krall said probably not until the Board of Supervisors approves the recommendation, but she will talk to them for the Meyers. They thanked the Meyers for attending the meeting this evening and presenting their ideas to the Board. The Meyers thanked the Board for their time and look forward to working with them on this venture. One of the Board members said that the ELCO School District is having an auction of cafeteria type items and maybe they could look there for some of the equipment that they need.

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Chairman Krall reminded the Board that at the last meeting, we had the Sports Association here to present their proposal. We had asked them to come up with ideas to help us so that when we make a recommendation to the Supervisors, we have more material to present to them, such as the potential problems that could occur if we have lighting. They were going to try and come up with some solutions to the problems that we had mentioned to them. She noticed that several of these members are back and hopefully with some ideas and solutions. At this time, Sheila passed some information around that has some of the lighting ideas and lists the various requirements and the cost of these lights to install and operate as well. Tom Stewart went on to inform the Board that these lights would be used as well for the boy's midget, the girl's softball and football and that would be the teener field. We had also received another price from CM High in

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Myerstown. Sheila asked how many poles would be installed for all of the fields? Would these be multi-purpose lights that could be used all year long? Sheila again asked if they are now saying they want to install lights at the teener field as well? Mr. Stewart said yes they are. He was then asked what kind of lights are these that they are proposing to install? Mr. Stewart said that information is in the packet that he gave Sheila. Chairman Krall then reminded Mr. Stewart that Clyde had come up with several potential problems that could occur from installing these lights. Have they had a chance to discuss this and come up with some possible solutions? Mr. Stewart said if he remembers correctly, there was some talk about ordinances and resolutions that address this situation. Sheila said that she faxed the information to Matt Snyder about the height restrictions, etc. There is nothing that pertains to that type of structure currently. As far as lighting is concerned, we have nothing in place to address that issue either. Chairman Krall asked that the Township has nothing in place currently regulating street lighting? Sheila told her at the current time, we have a very minimal limitation. Chairman Krall said she is suggesting since there probably is a limitation on the amount of light that can be emitted at one time, we should probably work with them, the Supervisors, to put these new lights in. Because it could possibly set a precedent for the future. Chairman Krall also asked about the length of time that the ball games can be played? Will this now be changed since the lights would be there? Mr. Stewart said they play on lighted fields all the time and they only stop play at dark for those fields that have no lights for the safety of the players. It was asked if there isn't a time limit as to when the lights have to be turned out for the night? Mr. Stewart said he thinks it is 11 PM on weeknights. No new inning can start after 11 PM. If you are playing your inning, you can finish, but another one cannot be started. Chairman Krall wanted to confirm that this is the time frame for weeknight as well as weekend? She was told, yes, the time is 11 PM for both. Mr. Stewart said that all of the games are scheduled to start at 6:15 and 8 Pm. The only way that they would normally go until 11 PM is if you have extra inning games. Most night games are over at 10 or 10:15. He said he has a problem with too many regulations, because then all you are going to do is constantly amend things and this concerns him. Sheila said she would like to interject that we do have a curfew ordinance and it was just revised very recently. It states that persons affected by this curfew would not be able to in public places between the hours of 11 PM and 5 AM. Chairman Krall asked what about if adults, such as the coaches and parents, accompany them? The minor must be accompanied by the parent or guardian or any person having legal care or custody, or be accompanied by a responsible person of good repute over age 21.

They then went on to discuss the height limitations of the poles for the lights, especially in a residential area. No matter how high they are there are going to be people complaining that the light is shining in their house. Sheila mentioned that the only ordinance we have on lighting states "Illuminating of parking and loading areas shall be illuminated whenever necessary to protect the public safety. Such Illumination shall be designed and located so that the light sources are shielded from adjoining residences and streets and shall not be of excessive brightness or cause a glare to cause a strain on drivers." It is pretty much covered all in this ordinance. Clyde said it is a matter of the engineer knowing how to set the lights in order not to affect those not directly using the lights. Chairman Krall said this ordinance that we have on the books is a good start.

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Clyde then said we don't have lighted fields in residential areas in any other part of the Township other than at Long Lane and must be handled very carefully. There was some discussion about the lights at Heisey's field and the brightness of those and whether or not they comply with the existing Township ordinance. Chairman Krall said that is why this "vague" ordinance is just a start. She really feels there needs to be a better regulated system so the Township can back them up. Tom Stewart said if we don't have an ordinance then we really don't have a problem, do we? Chairman Krall said but we need something to protect the sports associations and the residents as well. He also said that the size lights that were installed at Heiseys' are not necessarily the size that would be used on Long Lane. He doesn't think they are looking at anything close to that size. Chairman Krall said she would like to recommend that they be allowed to put these lights up and would also like to recommend that the Township Supervisors give more specific guidelines as to what kind of lights can be put up without violating any ordinances. She feels this would help to prevent unhappy neighbors and the complaints that would go along with that. She feels we need to be more careful with our decisions and learn from the mistakes we have made in the past. She is not trying to stifle what the groups are trying to do, rather make sure that they get the most use out of the limited fields that we have. She still feels that the regulation that Sheila read this evening is way too broad in scope and does not specify the different scenarios that could happen. She would like to have an engineer take a look at it and give his opinion on the matter. Clyde said his opinion on the matter is he does not care that the lights are lit on Long Lane if done properly and professionally. He said he has not heard anyone address the parking situation, the times, paying for the electric, leasing the lights, etc. Mr. Stewart said at the last meeting they were asked if the information were to be given to them on the Township ordinances on height and lighting, they would be able to pursue the lighting. All he is asking is for the Board to set the guideline that they can follow, just as they recently set the guideline for the ice cream parlor earlier in the evening. Clyde said he thinks he went beyond that and said we are putting the "cart before the horse" aren't we? Because we hadn't even figured out the parking situation yet and you are already grabbing for money to put the lighting in before that is even done. Mr. Stewart said he is confused with the parking issue. What is this all about? Clyde said you already have problems with the parking situation when you have 3 games going on, and you know that. If you put lights up there you have 6 new teams coming in at 8 PM, you have any overlap of all of those cars coming there, where are you going to put them? Mr. Stewart said, first of all, he does not know when they would be having all three teams playing there at the same time. If that is what you thinking, you are wrong. Clyde said, whether it be 3 fields or 4, you have to double the fields. If you have 3 fields right now, that is 6 teams playing. There is a possibility of 12 teams playing at one time. Mr. Stewart said that is highly unlikely to happen. Either way, Clyde said, you do not have enough parking to handle that type of crowd. There is nothing paved or laid out down there as parking goes. Everybody is fighting to get a parking space now and they won't park down on the school lot and they won't park on Water Street. He said he knows they don't, he lives there and sees what goes on during a game as far as the parking is concerned. He feels that this needs to be addressed before we tackle the lights. Someone needs to go to the Supervisors and let them know the situation. There was some discussion about the boundary lines of the

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property between the ball field and the Etter property. Mr. Stewart said that Etter gave this portion of the land to the Township. Clyde disagreed with him and proceeded to show him the property lines. Chairman Krall said she would really like to see the lights go up, it would be great, but she did agree with Clyde in that the parking issue must also be taken care of as well. It should go hand-in-hand. Mr. Stewart said he just doesn't see this whole parking issue as a problem. Chairman Krall suggested that the league and the representatives that are here this evening might be able to eliminate the multiple uses of the fields at one time in their scheduling. Stewart said that is something that he cannot do. They are just a part of the league; they do not make up the schedules. Chairman Krall then suggested the Township make up a rule stating how many games could be played in one evening. It was mentioned that you can make recommendations to the assigners and they do try to accommodate the request if at all possible. At least in the girl's leagues they do. Sheila said she has a question about the lights. She said when they went out to the field to discuss the lights, they said it would cost \$75 per hour to run these lights. Then it was mentioned that it costs \$4 per light per hour. Where is the discrepancy here? Every year we are faced with, unfortunately, trimming our Park and Rec budget. Her concern is who is going to pay for the maintenance, who is going to do the maintenance, who is going to be paying for the lamps (\$75 per lamp), the equipment rental to get to the top of the pole to replace the lights, and the labor. These are real costs that the Township has to look at if there are lights there. This is something that we came across with the small electronic scoreboard that we have. How is this funding going to be met down the road after the grant has been used to get the initial lighting? Mr. Stewart said, number one, there is no cost to the Township for that scoreboard. He said he thinks they would be able to swing the electric to run the lights. It was asked if the association would be planning on installing all three fields with lights or doing them one at a time? Stewart said it is going to depend on our state senators and how fast they can get the funding for them. It was asked if since this is an organization, not a school district or the Township, could they legally apply for and get these grants? Chairman Krall said maybe the Township has to apply for the grant on the sports organizations behalf. Chairman Krall said she would like someone to make a recommendation on this. Clyde said he would assume since there are 3 different fields, that there would be a separate place to turn the lights on and off, rather than one control for the entire area. He was told that is the way they have it laid out.

A question was asked of the representatives of the sports organizations, if they thought that an ordinance should be passed to address the light situation as to not offend or upset any of the neighbors in the immediate area? Mr. Fourman said he thinks the Township should set up the guidelines. But do you think that is an important issue to look at before everything gets going and the lights are up? Do you think we should establish guidelines that control times, brightness, etc. ? The sports organizations said this is something that they have to look at. It was decided that this needs to be looked into not only for the Township, but for the sports associations as well, to protect everyone. Mr. Fourman questioned the lights at Heiseys' field? They are using them as we speak and they don't seem to have these types of problems. It was mentioned to Mr. Fourman that it

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is not in a residential area either. Mr. Fourman asked how the house that sits in left couldn't be considered residential? The difference is, that the individual that put the lights up, lives in that house. But that has nothing to do with being residential or commercial, Mr. Fourman said. Sheila said that is why she read the ordinance to the Board this evening. Chairman Krall continued on by saying that is why she thinks the ordinance needs to be updated to address this type of situation before we continue on with the installation of the lights. Mr. Fourman then said he doesn't see how an ordinance is going to be of any help and further more, he doesn't see that anyone would have a problem with the lights being put in. Clyde asked him if he wasn't involved in the baseball program and lived in this area, would he feel the same way? Mr. Fourman said he would, it would not bother him. Chairman Krall said she doesn't think the majority of the people that live in the area would feel this way and that is why she wants something on paper to protect everyone involved. She has been to too many Township meetings and heard way too many public comments. She tried to explain to Mr. Fourman that the ordinance would protect them, the baseball organizations or anyone else that would use the fields and the lights. Sheila had some questions about the number of lumens and how that could be controlled. Is it the wattage of the bulbs or do they have some sort of control over the brightness of the bulbs? She knows there were problems with the Manheim Auto Auction field off of Prescott Drive and the brightness of those lights in relationship to the homes in the surrounding area. Also, in South Londonderry Township with the Ford dealership and the housing development next door. Maybe they would have something in place that would indicate the number of watts or lumens that are permitted in a residential area. One of the Board members asked if the company that has given the sports association the quotes for the lights, has service agreements that they offer to take care of the maintenance and the repairs to the lights? Mr. Fourman said he remembers something about a 5-year agreement, but he is not sure exactly what it covered. Mr. Stewart said all they do is sell and install the product, not maintain it or repair it. Chairman Krall said she would be interested in finding out what an engineer would recommend that deals with this type of thing and follow that recommendation. She said she doesn't feel qualified to make that recommendation or even if the Supervisors would be qualified to make that recommendation. Mr. Stewart said that the company that they received the quote from has their own engineers that investigate the local ordinances and come up with the blueprints for the project. This is supposed to be included in the price of the lighting. Chairman Krall asked if the Supervisors could find out how other Townships handle this? Mr. Fourman said the recommendation of this lighting company came from the Chairman of the North Lebanon Board of Supervisors. She said she is asking if we can find out if other Townships may have something more substantial in place that could be copied as far as the ordinances are concerned. If the lighting company has their own engineers, they will pretty much tell you what you want to hear and what they can sell you. Do they have your best interests at heart or are they just trying to make a buck? Mr. Fourman then asked what the high school would fall under? One of the Board members said that it would probably fall under the ordinances of the Township that it is located in. Fourman then asked what the Fifth Ward would fall under, they have lights. Fifth Ward is in North Lebanon Township. Sheila tried to explain that what she read is what is in place now. The only thing that she knows is that there were a lot of comments made when Manheim

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came in on the East side of the Township. Mr. Stewart said that Ed Brensinger had installed some of these same lights down at the Buck Tractor Pull, so he is familiar with them. He could probably answer more questions about the lighting than they could. Sheila then tried to explain that an ordinance is not something that is just made up; it takes time and a lot of paperwork. Chairman Krall said she knows that the organizations are anxious to get the lights and have them installed, but she thinks it would be a mistake to bypass the ordinance part of the process. She is afraid we are going to be sorry if we are not careful. Mr. Fourman said it wouldn't happen for at least a year now, because we are past the time that we could have them installed. Krall said, well then that is good, because then they would have the time to look into more of the issues that were brought up this evening. The Board asked what questions the association may have that the Board has not answered or vice versa, does the Board have any questions that were not answered? Let's get this out of the way so that when the time comes, we can hit the ground running. He went on to mention the parking concerns, the concerns with the possibility of a new ordinance to control the lighting, is there anything else that needs to be looked into with the time we have left so that everything is in place when the time comes? Clyde said one of the things that was in the last meetings minutes was the issue of lease and rental. We haven't addressed this topic yet. Who has to pay to use the fields and who doesn't? Do only Township residents get to use the fields, or can anyone use them and if they do, should they pay to use the fields since the lights would be there? None of this has been discussed. Chairman Krall asked how the lighting affects this? Clyde said the same way as it works at Heiseys'. When someone wants to use this field, who designates who can use it? Do our Township residents have priority over a non-resident? He feels this needs to be spelled out and have specific guidelines. Chairman Krall said she thinks up until this time, this has been no problem because our residents have only used the fields. The City up until this time has used a very specific list of guidelines and he feels he can get the guidelines for us to look at. Granted, recently, the City has been under going some changes, but this should be the same. At least we would have an example of how they handle this situation. Agreements are signed with the various groups that want to use the facility and the terms of the lease are spelled out in this agreement. Any optional services that are supplied are added on to the agreement and charged for. One of the Board members said this could also be a money making venture for the Township as well. If for some reason there would be a weekend that is not being used by the Township teams, and an ASA Team would want to hold a tournament that would be money made just for the single fact there are lights on the field. This would be an added benefit for the Township. One of the members of the public mentioned that if the fields are over used, there is always that possibility that the field could get "trashed" from the over use that would take away from our Township teams using it. Clyde said we have the situation now where we have too many children for the fields we have now. If and when we get lights, it will only get worse and the demand will be greater. When you have a nice facility, then everyone will want to use it. Chairman Krall said if we are having the sports organizations pay for the maintenance of the field, then the times that the fields would be leased out, they would not have to pay for or do the maintenance. The sports organizations said they feel they should have say in whether or not the fields are being leased out or at least be informed prior to this happening. Clyde said the Township has to

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be involved in this because they have the entire Township and all of its' residents to think about. Chairman Krall said she would not be in favor of leasing the fields out and she doesn't think the sports organizations would be either. Krall asked if this particular topic could be included in the comprehensive plan that we are going to have developed? It could be part of it, since we have to maintain the fields. Once the lights are put up, are we going to have to maintain those as well? It is no different than we talked about the private community providing green space for its' residents and then they go bankrupt. Who is going to get stuck taking care of that property? They will come to the Township looking for help. There is also the concern that you want to be able to use the facilities that we have. As a taxpayer in this community, we should **all** be entitled to use the facilities, not just a certain few. Chairman Krall said she still thinks this should be included in the comprehensive plan. Mr. Fourman said, what if Cornwall-Lebanon School District came to us and said we are not allowed to use the fields at the Ebenezer Elementary School for the next year, then what we do with the 7 teams that play on those fields? Clyde said, then we would deal with it and look for a "godsend" like South Lebanon received. Clyde asked what happens in the league now, when you have more kids than you can accommodate? Mr. Fourman said they would create more teams. Clyde asked where they would play? They would double up on the fields. Clyde said but isn't that a problem where you have an over populated area already, you want to accommodate more on the same amount of space. Or do you just simply turn away those kids and they can't play? Mr. Fourman said you have 10 home games and 10 away games. At some point in time, some of those teams are playing elsewhere. Then you bring some of the other groups into that field, then the teams that played here before, go to the other fields to play. The only teams that play amongst themselves are the T-Ball teams. Clyde said that still doesn't completely answer his question. If you have more kids than you have playing fields or playing time, what do you do with them? He was told that is why they have some teams that have 18-22 kids on them where some of them only get to play 2 innings of ball. Clyde said but that is only one specific area of the Township. The Board was told that there is a problem with boundaries. The boys teams can only play within a certain area, with the exception of the teener teams, where as the girls can migrate to other areas of the county to play. One of the Board members said he thinks they have been more than accommodating every chance they get to make sure that as many of the kids can play. Chairman Krall said we need to bring this subject to some kind of closure for tonight. We brought out a lot of problems that could occur with the scenarios that have been brought up. There is no way that the lights will be installed this year any more. She strongly feels that this should be included in the comprehensive plan so it can be studied further and in more detail. She is not too sure that it would make it move any faster, but at least it would be studied in greater detail. She asked if anyone has a recommendation for tonight? Do we want an ordinance to go with it? She was asked how long we have to use the money once it is received? It was stated that it depends on the particular grant as to the length of time. Any money that is not used must be turned back. When is the deadline for getting the grant information in? They think it is July or August for the next grant round. What would the sports organizations need to do in the interim? Is there anything that they need to do to prepare for the grants? Mr. Fourman said that first they need to find out if it is legal for them to do the application under North Lebanon

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Township. So in other words, the Board has some investigating to do on the issues that were brought up this evening, in order to get the ball rolling. We can then come back to the sports organizations and let them know what is set up for them to get going on the process. This would obviously be about June or July. The organization was told to find out what their time line is and in the meantime, the Board can look into some of the matters that were brought up tonight. Hopefully, by the time that the grant process needs to be initiated, you will have the answers to the questions that you have of us. Is that agreeable to the sports organizations? They said it is. Chairman Krall said since Ed Brensinger knows something about lighting, she would like to see him invited to the next meeting to speak to us about it and get his opinions and information. The Board agreed that this would be a good idea. Mr. Stewart asked if he could ask another question before they move on to another topic. He asked about the fence on the right field side, could this be finished off? Could this fence be continued down to include the field wall? Clyde asked if they talked to Dave about that? He said that is tough to mow already, if it were he, he would stop at the dug out. He is not questioning their reasons for wanting this finished, but for mowing purposes, he would stop it at the end of the dug out. Anytime, you are mowing a bank like that with a tractor it is very difficult and dangerous. Mr. Fourman said they have talked about re-grading this bank for the last two years and it has yet to be done. That would eliminate this problem. Clyde asked Sheila if they should speak to Dave about this? Sheila said it is definitely not in the budget for this year, so it won't be done this year. There is definitely a constriction point heading up the hill, which is why she thinks nothing has been done in the area of the HDC fence. It is very difficult to get the necessary equipment in there. Clyde said he knows that the sports organizations have mowed this area by hand already, and that should not have to be either. Chairman Krall said she thinks the question has been answered; it will have to be put into next years' budget. Sheila said she has another question about the lighting issue. She is looking at the lighting project with the 55 fixtures and 8 concrete bases. Are they looking at these 7-8 light structures or what are they looking at? Mr. Stewart said he really doesn't know. It will probably depend on what their engineer would come up with. Someone suggested that we get one of the lighting companies representatives to attend one of our meetings so that we get the correct information. The Board felt this would be a very good idea, especially if they could attend the same meeting as Ed. Chairman Krall said she would like this to occur at one of our meetings versus a Township meeting. She also said that they should work this out with Sheila so that she can coordinate the meeting so that both Ed and the lighting people can come to the same meeting. Sheila then asked who would be installing these lights? Mr. Stewart said that when he talked to Ed, he said that the Township could install them. Chairman Krall said it is time to end the discussion and move on to another subject and hoped she is not offending anyone by doing this.

Mr. Stewart asked Sheila if she has received a bill for the diamondtex yet? She said she hasn't seen anything, but she will check because she thinks the bill is given when the load is delivered. He would like to pay this as soon as possible.

Trout Season Fund Raiser Request – Boy Scouts

Sheila mentioned that this is the Boy Scout troop that has done a variety of projects for us. They painted the benches, did some mulching and some work at the Lake. They are asking if they can set up a booth in the breezeway between 6:30 and 11 to sell coffee, cocoa and donuts, things like that. We had done this as the Township last year, but it is so hard to get the volunteers, so the Boy Scouts have requested to do it this year.

MOTION: Motion was made and second to approve the Boy Scouts to sell refreshments at the Lake for the first day of trout season. Motion approved.

Clean-Up Day – May 15th

Sheila had received a phone call from Lillian Heisey. She has a group of people that would like to help us with the beautification of the lake. Dave and Sheila went out to meet with them and we will provide them with the mulch and the flowers, and they will be doing the work. They will also be staining the parking posts at the parking lot as well. Chairman Krall asked who this group is. Sheila said she can't remember the name of the group, but she thinks it is a group of foster parents. They had also asked for permission to use the pavilion to serve a lunch for the workers.

MOTION: Motion was made and second to approve the Foster Parents group to volunteer at the lake to beautify the flower beds, etc and to also use the pavilion to serve lunch. Motion approved.

Fees-in-Lieu of

Chairman Krall said the fees-in-lieu of expenditure sheet is pretty self-explanatory. She asked if anyone has any questions on this? No one had any questions. Sheila wanted to mention that we did receive additional funds in from Orchard View, the new development off of Narrows Drive, which is not included in this update. Jay asked how much we received from them? Sheila said \$17,250 from the development. We can look forward to Briar Lake paying their fees in the very near future. She was asked if this is in the central district? Sheila said she thinks this is the central district. It was asked we ever did anything with the fees increase? Sheila said no, but this is something that would be looked at in the comprehensive plan. Although, she doesn't think that we are going to be able to increase it very much because it goes by land value, not by a number that we would like to make it.

Pertinent Issues

Chairman Krall said the letter was sent to the boy that wanted the skate park at the lake. She thinks they should hang onto this letter for the comprehensive plan ideas.

Sheila wanted to mention in the meeting that she did attend the Tulpehocken Greenways Feasibility Study Meeting and she feels this will be a very interesting project. They are

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trying to see if they can do greenways between Berks and Lebanon Counties. There was a pretty good turnout with a variety of people. She said that there was no representation from a large part of Berks County, which is very unfortunate. No one had volunteered to come. She will keep the Board posted on the study. Clyde asked if at this meeting, she came across any maps that might be useful for their purposes? She said they really don't have any, which is why they are doing this study in the first place. It starts at the end of Blue Marsh Lake and is a windy path and we are the end point here in North Lebanon Township. Unfortunately, it doesn't reach the tunnel. They are anticipating that the study will take a year to complete. Clyde asked if since Union Canal is in our Township, do they ever ask for any monies for maintenance or for the benefit of the canal? Sheila said she thinks they asked about a year or so ago and were turned down.

The last thing that she has is that she received two proposals for our comprehensive plan. The one was from Rettew and Associates and the other was from David Miller and Associates. We did not receive anything from Spotts, Stevens, and McCoy, who were the other group that we solicited. Chairman Krall said that makes it easier on us if they do not respond. She then gave each one of the members a copy of the plan that Rettew submitted and also from David Miller and Associates. She asked that they review these by next meeting.

Jay asked to go back to the discussion about the ice cream parlor. He asked if we would be charging them the same as we did Ed Zimmerman as far as the utility bills are concerned? Sheila said that she spoke to Mr. Meyer and she told him that we would charge them an amount based on previous years usage and the Township would pay their portion. There was some discussion concerning the water and sewer bills for the building and also some discrepancy in the way it was paid. Some thought that Mr. Zimmerman paid the entire bill, where as other thought he only paid a portion of the bill. Jay said he doesn't think that the Meyers should be paying the entire water and sewer bill because there are other people using the bathrooms that are not patronizing his ice cream parlor. Chairman Krall agreed with Jay on this statement. Sheila said looking at the bills for the time period that Mr. Zimmerman had the facility; it appears that he did pay the entire amount of the bill. Clyde then said, according to the lease it states, "Lessee shall pay the difference between the quarterly sewer bill that is issued related to the leased premises during the term of the lease". So it is actually the difference between the amount the Township would normally pay and the amount of the actual bill. Sheila said she knows this is one of the things that will have to be addressed. Jay said he knows it wasn't the entire bill and it shouldn't be. It was then asked if they have to obtain a license to sell food items to the public? Sheila said she is not sure.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Resident Constance Snavely said she would like to mention that the American flag that is hanging over the bait shop is all torn and tattered and needs to be replaced. She realizes that the Boy Scouts are collecting old flag and thinks that this should be replaced as soon as possible. Chairman Krall asked if this flag is out all the time? She thought that the flags should not be out in bad weather. Ms. Snavely said as long as a spotlight lights the flag, it could remain out in any weather, which this one is. Sheila said they are waiting for some flags from Rep. Zug. Ms. Snavely said she has a flag in her car if they would like it, as she would donate it to the Township.

MOTION: Motion was made and second to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Motion approved.

With there being no more business brought before the Recreation Board, meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Haser
Recording Secretary