

**MINUTES  
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
April 4, 2006**

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:

Steve Smith	Chairperson
Jay Snavely	Member
Gary Zelinske	Member
Heather Pederson	Member
Constance Snavely	Member
Sheila Wartluft	Asst. Manager

Also present were Skip Hetrick, Cory Hetrick, Charles Allwein, Beth Kopecki, and Ian Lloyd and his parents.

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Chairperson Steve Smith introduced Ian Lloyd who was in attendance for a skate park presentation. He stated he would talk about similarities, popularity, confrontation, safety, and statistics. He said only a few of the existing skate parks have reported problems. He stated he would supply petitions signed by individuals who have recognized the need for, benefits of a skate park, and believe North Lebanon Township would help achieve this. He further stated skateboarding is continuing to grow. He said local schools, malls, and public areas do not allow skateboarding. He further stated some communities have banned skateboarding from sidewalks and streets. As far as safety, he said North Lebanon Township does not have sidewalks. Streets, tennis, and basketball courts are not very safe places to skateboard. He said that the information presented is supported and came from DCNR. He stated he had detailed information regarding planning, types of facilities, materials used in other areas, financing, etc. of the project. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak at the meeting.

Sheila said liability is one of the concerns. It was further mentioned that there is information on the DCNR website regarding grants and funding. Sheila stated they would be working on surveys for the comprehensive plan which will be sent to residents and they may want to encourage their friends and those who support the skate park to complete the surveys and to fill out the comment page. Discussion followed regarding materials that may possibly be used for the skate park.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Comprehensive Plan Discussion

Sheila stated the first item that Tim Staub, Rettew Associates, would like them to address is any comments on the draft of the introductory section of the plan which Rettew Associates developed. Discussion followed regarding some of the wording and grammar on this section.

Sheila said they needed to review the two drafts of the survey which will be sent to residents. Discussion followed regarding the map which will be included. The map in question is the map which is broken down into the three districts of the Township used for voting, leaf collection, and various other Township issues. Also discussed was Stoever's Dam and Union Canal Park which are both within the Township but maintained by the City of Lebanon. The consensus was to leave them in the survey. Also discussed was the lay out of how the age categories, number of persons in the household, and options for timeframe responses would look to make the survey easy to complete. The size of the print font was also discussed. Wording for questions regarding the Moyer property and other parks were talked over to make residents want to complete the survey. It was asked what the time frame was for sending out the survey to which Sheila replied possibly May or June was Rettew's target.

Sheila asked if there were any comments on the community background packet. She said she would like clarification by Mr. Staub about the designation of the township as being considered a suburb of the city of Lebanon in the background information.

Sheila asked if anyone had found anything which was not listed on the recreation program form which listed all the recreation areas. She said both schools had expressed interest in participating in the comprehensive plan program especially in naming the Moyer property. Rettew was thinking about a hands-on program. An exchange of ideas followed regarding what exactly the schools might be able to do between now and the end of the year and how much of their contracted time with Rettew did they want to use on this presentation. Several options were discussed regarding possible art projects and/or short surveys for the kids to complete instead of a long presentation. It was suggested to have Rettew possibly do a presentation no longer than one hour and also send the survey home with the kids. It was decided to give the suggestions to Rettew and let them make the decision.

**FILO Update**

Sheila stated she had included the updated fees in lieu of information with their packets. She stated she was told it was at the Board's discretion to change the plan. When this plan is adopted we need to come up with the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors so that all our fees in lieu of money is not used just for maintenance. Sheila suggested they think about what percentage they want to use on each item so they don't fall into the trap of not having anything in place.

**Ice Cream Shop Opening**

Sheila reported the ice cream shop opened on April 1, 2006 at Lion's Lake.

**OLD BUSINESS****Walking Path funding from DCED**

Sheila stated she received the contract from the DCED grant stating they would receive a check under a separate cover. She was informed by the farming community that after May 1<sup>st</sup> they need to be sensitive to their crops that are planted at the former Moyer property, but they could go around the perimeter to view it.

With there being no more business brought before the Park and Recreation Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bertin  
Recording Secretary