

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
April 1, 2008**

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	Chairperson
Jay Snavely	Member
Corey Hetrick	Member
Gary Zelinske	Member
Sheila Wartluft	Asst. Manager

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Pooch Picnic

Sheila stated the Humane Society would again like to host the Pooch Picnic on Sunday May 4, 2008. She is asking the Board for final approval. The Board agreed that there were no problems last year and that they would again give their approval.

Update of Fees in Lieu of Chart

Sheila stated she had received a proposal from Rettew and had given each of the Board members a copy. She stated they are planning to use the money which is left from the Central district to pay for services to prepare the grant, site work, and construction drawings. She stated the grant is very complicated and hard to get together in house in a short time period. She stated total fees for the proposal from Rettew are \$23,485.

Question was asked about the item of the enclosed pavilion. Sheila stated the suggestion from Lori Kieffer Yeich from DCNR was that if we could have an enclosed pavilion to rent it would generate income. Chairperson Snavelly stated the proposal included more than the Board had originally discussed for the initial phase. Discussion followed regarding various items in the proposal and where it would be most beneficial to use the money available. Several members of the Board suggested they would like to see the walking path and possibly the Frisbee golf and then work from there rather to do things haphazardly throughout the park. Sheila stated she would speak with the consultants to see if the requests of the Board to begin with the walking paths are feasible. There was further discussion regarding the proposal of the pavilion and restroom.

Softball Tournament Update

Sheila stated she had spoken with the person in charge of the tournament this year and she said she didn't know how many people would be involved. Sheila said she would contact her in May to get an update.

Sports organization agreements

Sheila stated she had received one signed agreement. She said she had given them a deadline but has not received any others yet.

Park Rental Fees

After looking over the park rentals from 2007 the cost of renting the pavilions was again discussed. Board members suggested that the rental fees not be raised and to look at having lower rates for week days. Sheila stated any new rates would need approval from the Board of Supervisors and if it was so recommended by the Park and Recreation Board that she would take a memo to the Board of Supervisors. Sheila confirmed with the Board that they would like to lower the fees for park pavilion rentals to \$50.00 for weekdays this year and lower the rates for next year to \$100.00 for up to 100 people and \$150.00 for over 100 people.

Kick Off Study Meeting for Rails to Trails

Chairperson Snavelly stated the kick off study meeting for the next leg of the Rails to Trails was this week. She stated they must complete their study by June of 2009 for the funding. She stated the main thing they are hoping to do at this time is to maintain the approval of property owners. She further stated there are some residents that may not be happy with the plan and they will need the members to help convince these people that it is a positive thing. They are looking to distribute surveys and also conduct sit down meetings with key recreational organizations in the area. She stated DCNR is willing to provide a specialist to train the committee and would like to use the Township meeting room on Wednesday April 30th. She stated some of the meetings will be open to the public.

With there being no more business brought before the Park and Recreation Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bertin
Recording Secretary