

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
JUNE 1, 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 was Matt Snyder from Musco Lighting and resident Eric Paul.

At this time, Chairman Krall called for a motion to approve the May meeting.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public this evening.

Matt Snyder – Musco Lighting

At this time, Chairman Krall introduced Mr. Snyder from Musco Lighting. Mr. Snyder explained that he was invited this evening by Sheila and he is not quite sure what questions they may have about the prospective lighting going up at the ball fields. He is at their beck and call. He is throwing it back to them to see what he can do to help them with the lighting situation at the Ebenezer fields. Clyde said one of our concerns was the periferal lighting and lighting of the neighborhood. Can some lights be on and/or can some turned off while the others are on? What is the effect going to be on the neighbors? It is pretty wide open for us as well. Krall said we had talked previously about the rules and regulations where lighting is concerned and she was wondering if he has any information about that end of the lights. Would he have any suggestions where that is concerned? Clyde wanted to make sure that Mr. Snyder knew that we meant "ordinance" not rules when she mentioned the rules. Sheila asked to interject at this time. She brought along an e-mail that Manager Grumbine had sent to County Planning concerning the lights. County Planning is asking us if there are any municipalities in the County that have this type of lights and an existing lighting ordinance that would be good for us to follow. She just wants us to know that they are looking into this for us and she has not

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heard back from them yet. Clyde asked Mr. Snyder if this is something he consistently runs into when installing these lights? Matt said he does quite often. Even more so each and every day, we are becoming more and more educated and more sensitive to the surrounding homes. This includes the “sky glow”, the white “halos” that you see while you are driving down the road. This is considered light pollution and affecting conservatories and are all important issues that are gaining a lot more thought and initiative while planning lighting for fields. To back up a little bit, Musco Lighting’s expertise is in sports lighting, that is all they do and have done for 25 years. They have assisted many communities with coming up with or writing their ordinances. Most recently this year, he has assisted College Township with their lighting ordinance. They were working with Penn State University who has a tremendous amount of recreational lighting and found that they were having a problem meeting the ordinance they had on the books. They also found that their ordinance was geared more towards other types of commercial lighting, like parking lots, signage, and the like. This did not give them the flexibility to allow the community the opportunity to have any recreational sports lights. As a joint effort between the Township and the University, Musco assisted them with some templates of ordinances that they had assisted in writing for other communities. In that, they came up with one that met their needs. Clyde asked if there any State or Federal guidelines on lighting, or are these just ordinances for these particular areas that they decided to come up with? Mr. Snyder said that is a really good question. He said there are recommended lighting levels and they are established by IES, Illuminating Engineering Society of North America. The lighting standards that are established refer to the values of light on the area of play, whether it is a swimming pool, ball field, tennis court or basketball court. There is a set standard established. When writing an ordinance, you want to follow the IES standard because these standards are established for safe play. That way you don’t have the liability issues of un-safe playing conditions. With that being said, they do not say what an ordinance should be as far as “spill” light because you have property lines which they cannot address because property lines change for every park. They do address issues such as glare, what is acceptable glare from a playability standpoint. There again, glare is a subjective term which when defining it in an ordinance, you have to figure out what is right for your own Township and situation. Most of the ordinances that are being developed are referencing these standards from the IES. They also go a little further and say these are the other issues that are important to us as well. There are no hard and fast rules. There are no State and Federal rules and regulations saying you cannot do this and cannot do that and this is what it has to be. Rather the industry follows these standards. If the Board would like, he can order them a copy of the IES manual so that the Board can reference it. Sheila asked if this manual only addresses the guidelines as far as what is safe for play and not how the lights will affect the surrounding homes? Mr. Snyder said that is right, it only addresses the safety issues. Mr. Snyder said if you are going to light a baseball field, you have to have a certain amount of light and you have to have your poles at a certain location and you have to have certain mounting heights to achieve the proper angles for safe play. So all of these things are defined in the IES Manual. Then once you have that, obviously that will dictate what the spill light will be on the surrounding homes in the neighborhood. He then mentioned that his company has several different products that allow them to control the amount of spill light

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and glare on the surrounding homes. Chairman Krall asked if he could recommend the lights that would have the required amount of light for safe play, but the least amount of spill light? Sheila said that is what she thinks he did in his specs. The spill level that he used in the specs is about the middle of the road, level 8. Based upon what he saw at the site, he would not recommended anything less than the level 8 technology that they have to offer. Chairman Krall asked what that means? He said there are three different types of fixtures that Musco manufactures. There is the Sports Cluster II Fixture, which is their entry-level fixture. This is a standard fixture for lighting, which has an insert to reduce the glare level. The bottom of the fixture is where you get the majority of your glare and the discomfort that you see when you look up at a fixture. You really are not supposed to look into any lights, especially sports lights as they are quite bright and can damage the eyes. The next level would be the Level 8 Technology. This fixture is incorporated with other technology to further reduce the spill and glare levels that would affect your neighbors. One of those things is a "Three tiered visor" which is placed on the top of the fixture. The tiering allows air to flow through, plus the wind loading remains the same as the first fixture. So from the cost standpoint for the user, they do not have to have a larger pole. But, at the same time, what it does, is when you aim that fixture, you are looking at the top of the shielding, versus the source of the light. So you are reducing the person's ability to look into the fixture directly at the light. Clyde asked if this adjustment is something that his company does when the lighting is installed? Mr. Snyder said this is done at the factory. The measurements are done in the field and then he takes that information and gives it to the engineers for the designs to be done. When it comes to the site, it is simply installed to the factory settings and is good to go. When a customer buys this technology from us, we include in this as a service, re-aiming the lights to the proper angles, field services from a technician. If there is a problem with a neighbor complaining about the light affecting them, then they come out and re-aim the lights as to not affect them. Chairman Krall asked how long is this service available after the lights are installed? Snyder said normally, they come out and the adjustment is done and the problem is solved. She asked what if you now have another neighbor that is affected by the re-aiming of the lights? Then what? What happens 10 years down the road? Are we still under contract or is it then our problem? Snyder said if a neighbor ten years down the road wants it changed, then that would be the Townships responsibility. He said it would be an initial thing to address the current situation. Clyde said with that type of technical assistance, you probably would aim towards the bottom of the pole so it wouldn't spill beyond that. Is that not correct? Snyder said the goal is to aim at the spot on the field as per the IES Standards, so they do aim at certain locations. Obviously, there are multiple fixtures aimed at different locations. When you aim a fixture, obviously the light comes out in a beam, some goes up and some goes down. It is just not straight out, so some of the light will go out beyond where we are aiming at. By putting different technology on the fixture, they are better able to control the beams of light. The next level would be their TLC fixture. The ultimate goal is to put the light where it is supposed to be, on the playing field for safe playing conditions. Clyde said once you have done that, it is not something that has to be re-done 10 years down the road. Snyder agreed with this saying, if it is done right up front, there should not be a problem 10 years down the road. He said it is very important that you are designing the right way up front. He said if you come in and

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put up a standard type of floodlights, you cannot assume that you are going to come in and add additional technology and fix the problem, because each technology may require different aiming angles, which requires a taller pole. Homework is the key to this project. If there were an ordinance in place, then we would take that into account when designing the lighting for a particular field. Since we didn't have an ordinance in place, he simply looked at the situation, realized we had some neighbors up on the hill at a distance of about 200' away, knowing with our Level 8 Technology, he should be able to probably satisfy the requirements of most of those neighbors. He will never say all of them, because you can never please everyone all the time. There will obviously be someone somewhere that will not like it. He can do everything possible, but because it has always been dark there, they are not happy with the lights. Gary questioned the homes behind the lighting and how it will affect them? Mr. Snyder said those facing the fields would most likely have the glare factor and have the discomfort. Also, at the same time, those lights are going to throw light and some of that may spill beyond the field. That is measurable spill light. That is something you can take a meter to and determine what the values are. Clyde asked if he has already made some recommendations as to the positioning of those poles? Mr. Snyder said he has not. He knows where his engineers would like to place them, but that is something that he would like to submit as part of the design to the Sports organizations. Chairman Krall said that he would want to submit the plan to the Township because it looks like the Township will be the ones trying to get the grants for the lights. Mr. Snyder said that would be the responsibility of the baseball association. Musco Lighting would give them any and all documentation they need to satisfy the requirements of the Township. It would be up to them to submit it to the proper authority. If they need their assistance, they would be willing to do so. They want to make sure that everyone is educated on this subject and make an educated decision on the lighting project. Krall then said that lighting brings a whole new thing to the Township that will require an ordinance with recommendations such as he is giving this evening. Also, we have a dusk to dawn rule that states you cannot be on the playing fields or on Township property after dusk, so that will require all new rules and regulations as well. There are a lot of things that have to be taken care of when proposing these lights, not just the lights themselves. Mr. Snyder said those are a lot of good points and points that many other Township are looking at the same things and concerns. Clyde asked if they have any sites locally that they have done that we could look at? He said a very good site to look at that incorporates 2 of their best technologies, the sports cluster and the level 8 is Susquehanna Township. They did their recreational area at Elmerton Avenue. That would be a very good site to take a look at. They did not use the TLC technology, which he has not really talked about, but they did not have the requirement there. It is not a high residential area. They lit their tennis courts, their baseball fields, they did a soccer overlay, and it was a fairly large project. Chairman Krall asked for directions to the facility, to which Mr. Snyder said he could give Sheila the contact for the facility and get in touch with them. Krall asked if they have an ordinance in place for the lighting? He said he doesn't think so, but it has been about a year since it was done. Clyde asked if it would be better idea to ask for the homeowner's names to see how they feel about it, versus the Township? Mr. Snyder said the difference there is that the area is not very residential and

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they used the Level 8 technology, because they felt it was wise to be a good neighbor. Clyde said that is what we are trying to do here. Mr. Snyder then showed the Board some pictures of good lighting and bad lighting on fields and explained the reasons for this. He explained that the lamps were all the same size, but the technology in each of the pictures was different which made the difference in the spill light and the glare. Chairman Krall asked if the lights that he is showing are all aimed the same was as well? He said yes, everything is the same, with the exception of the technology used to control the light and the glare. Clyde asked if the lamps that he is using are special lamps or are they readily available to purchase? Mr. Snyder they are Phillips manufactured and readily available to anyone. It is a Musco lamp, so if they are purchased from someone else, they will be actually be purchasing them from Musco. Sheila asked which fixture he is recommending for our fields? He said he is recommending the Level 8 Fixture. This particular louver is a lot bigger than the louver on the other fixture. The spill and glare control is 95% better than the other fixture. The one problem could be that this fixture control the spill and glare so much, it also affects the light on the field. We have to add 10% more fixtures to get the appropriate lighting on the field because of the cut off of this particular fixture. This is rated as the best fixture for sports lighting on the market. The next best fixture on the market is the Level 8 Fixture that they sell and install. So they have the two best fixtures on that market for sports fields as rated by Dark Skies, the people that are most concerned about spill light and glare control. This is the only sport lighting fixture that meets true 100% cut off as defined by IES. When you see parking lot lighting and a shoebox fixture, a square shaped head where the light comes straight down, that is called a true cut off fixture. Even though this is not a shoebox fixture, it does the same thing and meets the criteria. When you get the correct aiming angle of the fixture, the shielding will reduce the spill and glare to meet the criteria as set by IES. Clyde said while we are on that point, 8-10 years ago, the Government was trying to regulate the kind of lighting that was used, because they went to a lot of sodium lights to contain it in the area that was lit. Does this affect the lights for a ball field? Mr. Snyder said no, because the recommended light for recreational areas is a white light and white light is produced by metal halide. Quite often, he will end up putting up security fixtures on his poles, parking lot lighting. Then he would use a more yellow type of light, sodium light, which would be independent of the field lighting. Actually, you want a little bit of spill light so that the people can see while getting to their cars and the like safely. Another diagram that he showed to the Board shows the mounting heights of these lights. If we assume we have a football field and a 40' pole with a fixture, metal halide 1500 watt, and we assume that to throw light with a 40' pole we need to have a 17 degree an angle to get the center of the beam to the center of the field. We then know that we have the bottom of the beam at one area and the top of the beam will go well beyond the field, more than 150'. The fixture is what it is. The light will be above the center of the beam, and there will be light below the center of the beam and is all calculated and determined and tested by independent testing labs. With a 40' mounting height, our aiming angle is very shallow, plus the top of the beam allows the light to spill beyond the area that we want to light. We can take the same fixture, the same field and now we place that fixture on an 80' pole, our aiming angle increases to about 31 degrees, the top of the beam is still only go in a straight line, it can't bend. So now we are beyond the field about 30-40'.

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All we have done is to increase our pole size, sharpened our aiming angle and the beam of light which can only travel in a straight line, goes down and not out. The mounting height and the angle are the most important things when controlling the glare factor. Clyde asked with that scenario, one pole at the end of the field, could you control or produce enough light without having to put another pole at the opposite end of the field? Mr. Snyder said no. Chairman Krall then asked to have the term “candle power” explained. She was told that it means, “The luminous intensity expressed in candelas. Candela is the unit of luminous intensity. The foot-candle is then the unit of illuminant when the foot is taken as the unit of length. If the illumines is on a surface of 1 square foot in area, on which there is a uniformly distributed flocks of one lumen”. A luminous flock is the prime rate of flow of light. There is a tremendous amount of mathematical formulas that go into determining this. For the average lay person that does not study lighting day in and day out, it is very difficult to grasp. He himself does not do the calculations and he does not totally understand how it is does, that is why they have the engineers to do it. Gary said in other words, they use this to measure the brightness equally distributed in a square foot by a particular source of light. There are different ways of measuring light, but the standard industry is foot-candles. Chairman Krall asked if there are any other Townships as small as ours that go this route for lighting? Mr. Snyder said there are a lot of them. She said for instance? He said this is very small in comparison to most that he has done. She then asked if he understands her question. Is this beyond our scope of imagination or reach for a Township our size? Are we thinking too big in this project? Sheila asked what a small Township would be? Krall said she imagines small is a relative term, but she is asking about Townships comparable to our size, not schools, but Townships? Gary said he thinks that is determined by the purpose of the lighting and not the size of the Township. Mr. Snyder said he would not have touched Heiseys field with a 10’ pole because it has not spill and glare control what so ever. Sheila said the difference there is that there is not people right there in the back and front yard of the facility. It is right along the main road and it is private. Mr. Snyder said, but it is still in your community, is it not? Sheila said it is. Chairman Krall said if we would have an ordinance we could prevent things like this. Krall then asked if the wooden poles would be considered a fire hazard at all? Snyder said it is not a fire hazard, but if it were a community owned field, from a liability standpoint, if it were built on a Township owned property, you would absorb the liability issues that go along with it. Clyde asked if there is a longevity issue with a wood pole? Mr. Snyder said a wooden pole rots from the inside out and you cannot visually see the damage until it is too late. It was an acceptable method years ago, but now that we have the technology, we see that the metal pole is the better way to go. More important to the Township, you would want an engineered foundation. You are going to want to know that the 70’ pole has been engineered to the IBC 2003 building code at a 90-mile per hour wind speed. If the thing falls down the Township will not be sued, rather the engineer that designed the pole will be. The liability “noose” is not around your neck. A direct buried wooden pole in the ground is not an engineered foundation. What Musco does, is an engineered foundation. It will be stamped by a PA licensed structural engineer. It will be designed to the IBC 2003 Building Code, 90 mile per hour wind speed. Krall then asked how much would that cost? What are we talking about? Mr. Snyder said to light all three of the fields that are

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overlayed, the baseball field, the football field and the softball field, it would be in the neighborhood of \$75,000 for equipment only. Sheila added that the teener field alone would be \$88-93,000, one field only. Mr. Snyder said that installation would be about another \$65-70,000 to install it. Krall asked if this is one field or all three fields? Snyder said all three fields. Where did the \$88-93,000 come from for the teener field? He explained to light the larger field, we need more fixtures to light this field according to IES standards, and then we do to light the other three fields together. He said this would be assuming that a contractor would be hired to do everything. Krall asked Mr. Snyder if helps Townships obtain grants to get that? He said not to get the grants; rather they have tax-exempt municipal leasing available that they can do. Grants change by every state, so that is something that the Township would have to do. She then asked him what state the business is from. He said PA, but the manufacturer is from Iowa. Sheila said she is still very concerned about the cost of these lights. She said she knows the baseball people are saying they can afford the electricity to run these lights, but she is reading that it is more efficient to replace all of the lights simultaneously before they get to the limit, instead of replacing one bulb at a time. The lamps are like \$60-70 per lamp and we are talking about 55 lamps to replace one field. Then 65 lamps on another field. Mr. Snyder said we should be able to get 10 years off the lamps before we have to do a group lamping. With the midget baseball, girl's softball and midget football fields, you should be able to go about 2,500 – 3,000 hours per lamp. This would take us into year 10 or beyond in the life of the lamp. Krall said this is going to be extremely expensive to replace the lights. She did some calculations and came up with \$318,000 for three fields plus the teener field plus the installation for both. They play until about 8 or 9 pm, you might gain about 1 or 2 hours per night by having these lights. How much would it cost per night if you divide the hours into the cost of the project? How much did the Moyer property cost? Sheila said \$410,000. Krall said we paid \$410,000 for a property with a home on it, and this project is going to cost \$318,000. Couldn't you just buy another field for this amount and let them play in regular hours? Mr. Snyder said buying a property does not create a field. Krall said we know that, we have been there. There is no easy way to do this. Mr. Snyder said there are a lot of things to consider when measuring the life of these lamps. You have to consider the weather, the hours used, voltage drop, there are a lot of things affecting the life of these lights. Krall said when we have Rettew do their survey, could this be included in the survey and ask if the residents feel this should be done or if it is warranted? Gary then asked what some of the maintenance issues are with these lamps? Mr. Snyder said fuses are the only things that would require regular maintenance and they are located 10' up the pole, so a ladder would be required to change. Clyde asked if this is something that our own maintenance people could do, or would we have to hire someone to do it? Mr. Snyder said most Townships contract out to a local electrical contractor or a sign company to change the bulbs and the fuses. Another option would be to contract with Musco for a maintenance contract. A concern that Sheila has, is what happens if we have a bad storm and it sets off your lights? Mr. Snyder said a storm would not turn the lights on; rather it would turn them off. He then said there are a lot of things that you can do to take care of that. He said Musco has a management system, which is on the higher end that gives them more control of the system. This gives them the flexibility to generate reports that shows usage and allows them to bill the users based

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upon actual usage. It gives them the control of turning the lights on and off via the Internet. But then this is a about \$6-7,000 a year. Then you could also go with a \$500 astronomical timer. If you say the lights are going off at 11 Pm, then the lights go off at 11 PM. The problem with the timer is if the lights get knocked out, then you have to re-set the timer. The lights could also stay on that night as well until someone comes out and re-sets the timer. Sheila then passed out the actual quote on the project to the other Board members. Clyde asked what the risks would be with severe lightning and damage. If lightning were to hit the system, would it totally deplete the system completely? Snyder said the system would have to be grounded first of all. If it is grounded properly, you have minimized the risks of the damage. If you ground the poles the proper way, every fixture is individually fused and that protects the system. He cannot sit here and say he has not had poles get hit and have had wire harnesses melted, because it has happened. It does and will happen. But if you do what you are supposed to do according to electrical code, then you can be pretty sure that nothing will happen. If you are spending \$3 on a fuse to save a \$75,000 investment, then that is not going to work. Clyde's concern is with the radio towers right next to the fields and the proximity of the poles to the towers. Mr. Snyder said is not able to answer that because he is not an expert on lightning strikes. Sheila said if we are looking at this price for the level 8 fixture, then what if we decide to go with this ordinance and the ordinance is very stringent, and we have to go to the TLC level, is there a percentage difference that we could use to tack on to get an estimate for the TLC? Mr. Snyder said no, because there are many variables that have to be considered and too many other outside items to consider. He has had some instances where it was not too much of a change in cost, but it all depends on the situation and the location. He has also had location where it has been a big deal and a big difference in cost. He would have to actually work the TLC fixture up and see where it is in relationship to the Level 8 fixture. Jay said he thinks the main thing is if the ball field gets the grant, because as far as the Township doing it themselves, it will never happen. Chairman Krall said she thinks we got as much information as she thinks we can use this evening and we will have to discuss this a lot more thoroughly before any decision is made. It was asked if the price that was received this evening included the lights for the parking area as the people are departing to their cars? Mr. Snyder said no, he was not asked to price this as part of the quote. He said if it was he, he would just go get some flood lights, rather than getting the fixture from him, because it would only cost about \$50-100 for the light. He was also asked if this is something that other people do as well? He said most definitely. He was also asked if the system would be zoned so that not all of the lights would be on at the same time if you were not using all of the fields? He said yes, that is how he has set up the system for the quote. It has three separate zones that can be used at any given time. He again explained that these are cost estimates based on his initial visit. If this project should ever progress, then a design should be completed if it has not been done, then the numbers should be re-visited for a more accurate figure. Chairman Krall said she thinks he has done an excellent presentation and we have learned a lot from him this evening. A lot more than we knew before he came this evening. We have a lot of things to look at for recreation in the Township and a lot of things that we have to consider. There are a lot of different personalities in the Township that we have to consider and what one person might want, another may not. We have to look at what the people in the Township really want. From a neutral standpoint, if she owned a Township

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and she had a choice between buying a field to play ball on or put up lights for the few fields that we do have could be utilized, her tendency would be to go for the, because land is not replaceable and lighting can be put up 20 years in the future. This is just an ethical thing that she is throwing around. She is not ready to make a recommendation to the Supervisors about this. We need a lot more information and facts to base an intelligent decision on. Clyde said he would agree with her on this, we need more thought and information before we commit to anything. He said he wishes the people that had approached them on this project would have attended the meeting, because they need to hear the information. We kept telling them that we want to see professional installation and the fact that he is here telling them that it should be installed professionally; he really wishes they were here. There are a lot of people that we have to sell this to, not just this Board, but other Boards, residents, as well. Without those guys helping us sell this idea, it is going to be a tough sell. This whole idea started with the teener field alone, now it has grown to the entire sports area. Our teener field is probably the nicest teener field in the County and it would be nice to see it lit. But it would be nice to see it done right and to see the people that live around it not be upset or angry because we did. Krall said we need to get **all** the information available from all different sources before we make a decision on this project or a recommendation on this. Chairman Krall thanked Mr. Snyder for his presentation this evening and said he did a great job. Mr. Snyder said if they need him to come back to another meeting, he would be happy to do so. The Board also has to remember that the prices will probably not be the same as presented this evening due to the fact that if we were to get a grant for the lights, that takes quite a bit of time and we all know that everything goes up in price, no matter what it is.

NEW BUSINESS

Hershey Fishing Derby

The Hershey Fishing Derby was held last weekend and was a success.

Resignation by Chariman Evelina Krall

Chairman Krall said that she is resigning from the Park and Recreation Board as she is she is venturing into a new profession and will not be able to attend the meetings and give her time as freely to the Board. She has decided to attend nursing school. The Board wishes her the best of luck in her new endeavor.

Vandalism at the Lake

Sheila said there has been quite a bit of damage done to the Lake property. The bathroom is continually being damaged, by the soap dispensers and the paper towel holders pulled off the walls. Now we have been having problems with the concrete bench in the Veteran Garden. The concrete curved bench has been destroyed. One of the dedicated benches has been broken where the engraved plaque was attached. So we

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have to repair that and buy a new concrete bench top for the other one. Some of the fishing benches were pulled out of the ground. Another bench was dis-assembled. You can't watch them night and day, but if the Board knows anybody that might want to keep an eye on things down there from their homes, it would be appreciated. Now that we are going to have the ice cream parlor open, that might deter some of the vandalism, we hope. It was asked if there are more problems this year than in previous years? Sheila said she doesn't remember this many problems, ever at the Lake. So we are trying to make some subtle changes there to deter some of this vandalism. Clyde asked if the bathrooms are open all night? Sheila said they are and this is one of the things that we are looking at with the agreement with Scott Meyers and the ice cream parlor. He has agreed to lock the bathrooms at night when he closes the parlor. Also, we are trying to get the coaches to lock them when they are done using the fields. Jay said we did request that the Police lock the bathrooms every night but half the time it was not done, and then they did not do it all. Chairman Krall asked if this is something that we may not ask them to do? It is not within their duty to do? Jay said we had asked them and it never worked. It was stated that it is something that they probably do not want to be bothered with. Chairman Krall said who cares if they don't want to be bothered with it? Someone said it is not their responsibility to patrol the bathrooms. Chairman Krall said she doesn't only do what she wants to do at work, she does what she is told and paid to do. Jay said it would not work. It didn't work for years, why would it work now? There was a comment made that they keep you off the Union Canal property at night, why can't they do the same thing at the Lake? Krall said that is not what we are asking them to do. If you are at the Lake after dark, and a police officer sees you, he will ask you to leave. What we are asking them to do is to actually lock up the bathrooms every night. They will enforce the law, which is different from unlocking and locking the bathrooms daily. Is this too much for them to do? Jay said again, they didn't do it then and they won't do it now. What if we gave them the power to deputize someone and had them lock up the bathrooms? If someone were to give them trouble, then they could call the police on a radio. Jay asked, who is going to pay that person? Chairman Krall said the same thing, everything costs money and that is something we don't have a lot of. Jay said when Harvey was still alive, he basically policed the Lake, but unfortunately, he is gone and there is no one to do it.

Pertinent Issues

Sheila said she had a visitor today that is planning on having an Old Ebenezer Day on September 11th. They want to utilize the important parts of Ebenezer, which include Lions Lake, which at one time was called, Lights dam. They are looking at having a festival with a breakfast at the church, then a parade, displays at the fire company, a memorial service, an open house at the school, a blue grass concert at the school as well as bake sales, etc. What they have decided they would like to see is a big band concert out at Lions Lake, but they are looking for a recommendation if it would be allowed to be held there. Jay asked if there would be a conflict with a rental? Sheila said, it would not interfere with a rental because they would be at the other end of the park. They are looking at using the point, which is where the handicapped pier is. Evelina asked where the parade would be? Sheila said that would be a totally different part of Ebenezer. These activities would be at different times during the day. This concert would be at the

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end of the day, possibly like 7-9 PM. This would be the last activity of the day. Jay said he sees no problem with this, does anyone else? Everyone seemed to agree that it would be a good idea. What they want from us is a recommendation to give to the Board of Supervisors. Sheila said this committee has an appointment with the Newspaper to get the ball rolling and would like the recommendation as soon as possible so they can include this in the article. IN the past, we have had people come and give a karate expo. Our responsibility would be for us to allow them to have the concert there and it would end there. We may be responsible for the electricity for the amplifiers and the like. A question was asked, how are they going to see in the dark at that time of night in September? Sheila said that is the one area that we have lighting, in the parking lot. We usually have people provide us with their certificate of insurance, but since it is our fire company and our residents, would we really need the certificate? But there is also a consideration of the noise issue with the homes right around the lake. It personally would not bother them, but it might someone else. Sheila said all they are asking for is the permission to announce the band concert in the newspaper article. It was decided to confirm the time of the concert.

MOTION: Motion was made and second to recommend the Big Band Concert at the Lake, September 11th, 2004, to the Board of Supervisors. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan Award to Rettew

This is pretty much self-explanatory. Sheila said we are going to be meeting with Rettew on June 17th to outline what we want to do with the project. She would like to have a guideline at the next meeting. She did tell them that we did have some suggestions from the Park and Rec Board and would be looking at them.

Greenspace Feasibility Study

She said she also does not want to forget about the Greenspace Feasibility Study. She has been attending the meetings so far and they are doing a study to see if this is even feasible to create some type of Greenway that would start around the Blue Marsh lake area and runs along the Tulpehocken Creek and would eventually end up here in North Lebanon Township on the east side. We have helped them with a questionnaire and the landowners will fill this out. They are doing interviews with key owners of property to see if they are interested in participating in the program. The greenways could be a number of things. In her mind she was thinking it could be trails for biking or walking, but as she found out, it could also be space that is the same as it was 50 years ago and continues to be so, without development. Different things for different people. So they are looking at this study to see if it is realistic or not. They did tell them that some of the studies they have found were not feasible and could not get the money to do them. The land was not there as well as the interest. There will be 2 meetings held that are open to the public and will be announced at the Supervisors meetings as well. They will be going over the

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results of the questionnaires as well as the results of their studies. She said this meeting is at 7 PM, June 17th at the Jackson Elementary School in Myerstown in the cafeteria. Clyde asked if they have given her any maps of our area that would be included in the greenway. She said just the map that she shared with the Board earlier. She thinks it is still a little bit east of the land that we own on Narrows Drive. It goes through North Lebanon Township, Jackson Township and part of Berks County. The biggest portion is in Berks County. If anyone is interested in attending they can let her know, as she will be attending the meeting.

Skateboard Letter

Chairman Krall stated that the letter was sent to the young man interested in developing a skateboard park at the lake. Sheila mentioned that she chaperoned the 8th grade field trip to Washington DC recently. She was interested to hear from some of the 8th grade boys, a conversation about the skateboard park going away off of Lincoln Avenue. They were very concerned about where they were going to go now. She was surprised to hear how concerned they really were about it. So this is something we should keep in the back of our minds.

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Chairman Krall said as you recall we turned down renovating and buying a swimming pool because it was too expensive. She thinks we should really remember this when deciding whether or not to purchase the lights for these fields. Sheila said, to clarify, the sports associations are planning on doing this on their own. They are planning on getting the grants, then getting the money, then paying for the electricity. But they want our help because it is our property and they may need us to sign things for them. Chairman Krall asked, then why were they not here at this meeting? It was said maybe they had a game or something.

Chairman Krall said she would like to back up. She was looking at the minutes and she was reading where the Supervisors have agreed to allow the soda machines to benefit the Township. This is not what we recommended, but they do have the right to do what they want. She also said in the minutes, Gary asked if we already have machines over there. Sheila said no, because we did not want to compete with the concession stand. But now the association proposes to put soda machines where we didn't want to compete with them. So instead of allowing them to put the machines there, we are. Do we have the minutes yet to see what they decided? Sheila said not yet. She said, basically they talked about keeping the revenue from all of the machines and put it back into those fields, as they did from the concession stand. As we all remember, when we sat down to do the budget, there were a lot of things that came close to being axed, but because of this revenue, we were able to keep it in the budget. But the intention of this revenue is to maintain the sports fields for the benefit of the Sports organizations, without giving it directly to them. This made it easier to keep track of by using it to enhance the sport fields. Clyde said he thinks there is a mistake being made here. He said that the Sport

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organizations are suggesting that the machines go over behind the school in the old building where the equipment is kept. Sheila said that is where they are going. He feels they are competing with the machines in the schools. The idea was to have the machines at the concessions stands so that all of the people from the football, the softball and teener fields could use them. Now, they don't have access to them because they are behind the school. Sheila said there is more to this than what is being said here. It has to do with the electricity issue. It was thought that the machines were for when the concession stand is not open. Sheila said it is not that far to walk over to where the machines are. If you can run around the bases, you can walk over to the machines if you want a soda that bad. Clyde said he has the tendency to agree with that, but the idea was for the benefit of the people in that vicinity. He doesn't think they will make a lot of money with that location as well. Krall said again, she is not happy with the decision that they made, but we don't always get what we want, as they don't as well and they have to answer to a much bigger crowd than we do for their actions. Sheila said, ultimately, the reason for putting the machines where they were is to use the revenue from that machine to take care of the fields. Clyde asked what the response from the Athletic Association was on the Supervisors decision? Chairman Krall said she doesn't think they had their meeting yet. Besides, we all have to pick and choose our battles.

At this time, Evelina said she would miss these meetings and the Board members. She has enjoyed her time on the Board. Unfortunately, her schedule will not allow her to do both.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items this evening.

MOTION: Motion was made and second to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM. Motion approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary