

**MINUTES  
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
June 7, 2005**

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:

Clyde Ebersole	Chairman
Jay Snavelly	Member
Gary Zelinske	Member
Steve Smith	Member
Sheila Wartluft	Asst. Manager

Also present at this evening's meeting was Constance Snavelly of 1822 Janet Avenue.

Chairman Ebersole called for a motion to approve the May minutes.

**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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Safety Committee Findings**

Chairman Ebersole asked if everyone had a copy of the Safety Report Sheila had supplied and if anyone had any questions.

He stated at the Community Park some park and recreation equipment needed minor maintenance. The specifics can be found in the Safety Report. At New Covenant, Chairman Ebersole said that there were a couple of places on the list which suggested they be removed like the swings. Sheila explained that she had given the supervisors a list of things at New Covenant and asked for their direction. She understood that if things went bad at New Covenant they were not spending any money to fix or replace them. Sheila said the Safety Committee did send the Board of Supervisors an update of what they found and a recommendation of how they want to handle it but the Board hadn't met yet. There was discussion of various equipment needing replaced or repaired. The Park and Recreation Board felt if it was a liability issue for the Township, the equipment should be removed, but they will wait for direction from the Board of Supervisors.

### Safety Committee Findings (cont'd)

Eighth Avenue Athletic Fields are in decent shape. Dave is working on a claim for insurance to cover expenses from the car accident at Lion's Lake.

Chairman Ebersole stated at Long Lane they need to put a catch can under the grill. Scoreboards are in bad condition. Sheila said they sent a letter to the sports groups regarding the scoreboard situation. Chairman Ebersole stated there was one other concern regarding the ball fields and that is regarding the keys for the restrooms. Member Smith said he would call Tina Sands and get on Ebenezer to get on it.

### Pertinent Issues

There were no pertinent issues

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Wetland Walking Path Update

Sheila notified the board the walking path is progressing very well and the gazebo is to be arriving one day this week. It was suggested possibly Sam could have his picture taken in the gazebo after it arrives or have his picture taken with the board as recognition for his work. It was mentioned that people are still walking through the trail area. In the future, growth of the plantings in that area should curtail this.

#### DCNR funding for Park and Recreation Plan

Sheila said she went to DCNR to speak with them, and they offered the following changes: The Rettew contract must be revised to reflect the Master Site Plan. They said they would like to see nine people in the study committee based on the population of the Township. We have the five board members and Sheila and what he suggested was that it be open to the public. We are going to have it announced at the next Board of Supervisor's meeting, on the website, and place something in the hall. We need to get this group list submitted to DCNR. We were awarded \$23,800 and they will advance us 25% up front once we get our list together and get these things addressed that they want to see, then they give us two parcels and hold a final payment (10%). Sheila read the blurb that would be placed on the website. We have yet to receive paperwork from DCNR but need to get this list of people for the study group.

#### Walking Path at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Sheila said we budgeted \$22,000 for this project. When we applied for this grant it was for an access path off Eighth Avenue for handicap accessibility to get to various ball fields and parking lots. It is not going to be able to wrap around the soccer field and go up the hill to the wooded area due to funding. Chairman Ebersole mentioned initially it may

**Walking Path at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (cont'd)**

not necessarily have to be a hard surface. Sheila replied that the grant specifies hard surface for the handicapped. Chairman Ebersole mentioned the path at Jonestown which is wood chips and compacted stones. It was asked if we had ever contacted any group for help with maintenance? Sheila mentioned that other successful places have business or other organizations contribute. We don't have the manpower to do all these things. It is unrealistic to make the township take care of all the projects. Donations from businesses were discussed.

**Pertinent Issues**

There were no pertinent issues this evening.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

With there being no more business brought before the Recreation Board, meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bertin  
Recording Secretary