

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
June 6, 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 Snavelly	Member
Gary Zelinske	Member
Heather Pederson	Member
Constance Snavelly	Member
Sheila Wartluft	Asst. Manager

Also present were Skip Hetrick, Charles Allwein, Beth Kopecki, and 2 Rettew associates.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Charles Allwein pointed out that at Lions Lake Park at the Jay Street parking area the barricades have been moved or knocked down.

NEW BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan Discussion

Lauren from Rettew and Associates stated there were some content changes made to the programming chapter of the plan which was handed out to the members at the last meeting. The park and recreational facilities went out to all the Township owned facilities which is not complete at this time.

She stated 160 surveys of 1500 which they sent were returned. She stated they would compile the results and would have them at the August meeting. At this point 10.6 percent have been returned with the hope of 16 to 20 percent return rate.

As far as the Outreach programs at the elementary schools she stated she believed they were a success. The list represents everything they identified as things they would like to see as part of the recreation. Corey Hetrick was able to get Lesko to donate Hershey Park passes for each of the winners from the elementary schools.

Members were asked to choose the name of the park formerly known as the Moyer property from the elementary school entries. From the entries submitted, Lenni Lenape Park was chosen due to the historical background of the area and also the possibility of creating a theme for the park. They were also asked to choose a winner for the Comprehensive Plan cover from the pictures the elementary students submitted. The winners will be announced at the June 20th public meeting. Tim Staub from Rettew Associates stated they would bring a proof of the Comprehensive Plan cover to the next meeting.

The June 20th public meeting will be held at the Community Park. The fifth graders were asked to come at 6:30 to discuss their park ideas and show the parents their work. The meeting is to begin at 7:00 p.m. to get suggestions from the residents regarding what they would like to see at the park. Sheila suggested they should introduce the Park and Rec Board members as well as the committee members with Rettew explaining the process of the Comprehensive Plan. Then they will break off into small groups with discussion of the new park plus ask the residents questions regarding layout, composition, maintenance, accessibility, safety, etc. of the existing parks. Then they will move on to programs and activities at the parks. They will also be given the chance to vote for which things they feel are most important. At approximately 8:30 p.m. they will announce the winners of the park tickets with results of the voting to follow.

Sheila stated regarding advertising for the public meeting beside being announced at the school, it was placed on the website and a public announcement on the radio. Mr. Staub suggested donations of refreshments would be helpful. It was also suggested that it may be helpful to place signs in the front of the building for the public meeting in the park.

Mr. Staub stated they should plan to tour the parks at upcoming meetings. Rettew will not be at the July meeting. Sheila suggested for the July meeting they meet at the municipal building then tour the Moyer property and have the August 1st meeting at Ebenezer Park and then Lions Lake.

Perinent Issues

Sheila stated the Safety Committee toured the parks and compiled a list of problem areas. Generally, they found the parks to be in good condition.

OLD BUSINESS**Walking Path funding from DCED**

Sheila stated they received three bids for the walking path. She said the lowest bid was from Landis D. Deck and Sons with a bid of \$22,301.46 with Pennsy second, and B.R. Kreider third.

Police Department parking memo

Sheila stated she had given the police department the memo regarding parking. Several members mentioned speaking with the Police Chief and also a board member regarding the parking and graffiti issues and that the police been patrolling the parks.

Skate Park

Sheila stated she received a few more names and will wait until they see what else comes in.

With there being no more business brought before the Park and Recreation Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bertin
Recording Secretary