

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
September 5, 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
Sheila Wartluft	Asst. Manager

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

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan Discussion

Tim Staub from Rettew and Associates stated that first they would like to review the master plan and that process. He introduced Eric Brinser, a landscape architect, has been helping Rettew through the process.

Mr. Brinser stated the Moyer tract looks like a good site for a mixed use of an active and passive park. He stated homework for the committee for the next meeting is to identify what they are looking at to have in the park. He stated he would come up with a conceptual plan and when they meet the next time they would go through the ideas of the committee and be able to come up with a plan on paper.

Mr. Staub stated they were going to go over survey participation results and then we will talk about strategy for the future park and recreation plans. Tim stated the first discussion regards internal connectivity which is how to get from one recreation area to another within the Township, and the second discussion regards external connectivity.

He stated there are many stream quarters for wildlife migration throughout the Township with no way of maintaining them or they haven't been looked at as essential recreation areas which may be something to consider. The ordinance does not provide for establishment for greenways or bike lanes in the corridor. There are no amenities for increased shoulder for walking or biking in place and no sidewalks in the Township.

Mr. Staub stated that when the Moyer tract is completed the Township will be fairly well covered for recreation.

Lauren from Rettew Associates stated she would go over how we measure up analyzing what is there and the goals with discussion of all aspects of park and recreation and each facility. Sheila suggested signage may be important to let people know there is a park available at the Township Building as well as the other parks.

Lauren noted at Lion's Lake one suggestion she would make would be for a map of the park to be displayed so that anyone who is not familiar with the park can find their way around. She stated the goals for Ebenezer would be enhancement and increased awareness of the high quality facilities that are available.

The top five requests that came in on the survey over 50% were picnic areas, pavilions, unpaved hiking trails, paved walking trails, and nature walks.

Regarding the public meeting, it was stated that the impression was to leave the parks basically as is but with some improvements. Lauren stated there weren't as many people there as could have been but there was representation from several of the special interest groups.

Regarding the Moyer tract, Lauren asked for opinions of what they would like to see as a plan. Sheila stated she would like to see a phasing or funding plan as the costs could be overwhelming to achieve the finished design at the property.

A variety of suggestions and ideas were discussed by the members. These thoughts will be addressed in the Plan.

Mr. Staub stated they are looking at finishing the project by the end of this year. He stated they will wrap up the remainder of the chapters and implementation schedule plus provide a copy of the map.

Pertinent Issues

Sheila stated the walking path is completed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

With there being no more business brought before the Park and Recreation Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bertin
Recording Secretary