

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
September 1, 2009**

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:

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

Township residents Dwayne Elder and Gary Heisey were present.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Question was asked what the sports organization fees would be for next year to which Sheila replied they have not discussed any budget issues to this date. Sheila stated she could give the Board the financials next month and they could discuss things at the next meeting.

Question was asked who paid the sports organization fees last year to which Sheila replied: football, Union Canal, Ebenezer, and soccer. She stated the Solicitor indicated they could not charge New Covenant because of the agreement which was in place.

Gary Heisey suggested they sit down with the sports organizations and come up with an agreement that would work for everyone involved and that they were planning to meet with New Covenant Christian School. Chairperson Snavely stated the Board needs to be involved so they can keep track of the field usage. Sheila stated that if they renegotiate the agreement she would hope they would be considered a sports organization like the others. She stated if the sports organizations would work things out it would be a step in the right direction and more people would be able to utilize the fields.

Mr. Heisey stated on a different topic he understood there was a young man who wished to do an Eagle Scout project on the island at Lions Lake and was turned down. Sheila stated what had happened was he had been told he needed to go to DEP to get permits, and she believed the young man may have decided not to proceed with his project because of the red tape involved.

NEW BUSINESS

Fireworks Fees

Sheila stated she had received a request from the people who sold fireworks. She said she didn't believe there had been any trouble this year, and she wanted to ask the Board if they wanted to do it again next year. She stated in 2001 we charged them \$225 and since then we had charged them \$300.

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded to keep the fee for 2010 at \$300. Motion carried.

Pertinent Issues

Comp Plan Implementation

Sheila stated she had received notification on August 13th that we were approved for \$25,000 funding for development of the Lenni Lenape Park recreation area from the County Commissioners. Basically it is a grant package to implement the County Comprehensive Plan and our project fell into all the categories so they are allotting us \$25,000. However the catch is they are not going to release any money this year because of the budget problems. She further noted they had not yet heard anything from DCNR regarding their grant.

DEP Dam Report comments

Sheila stated Jeff Steckbeck, who does the inspection and report, would be attending the October 5th Board of Supervisors meeting. She stated Cheri Grumbine, Township Manager, wanted clarification to know what the comments and any concerns were from DEP. Sheila stated she and Dave had attended a seminar for dam owners. We saw what some of the problematic dams looked like and that ours looked good in comparison.

Lions Lake tree update

Chairperson Snavely stated they had met with the property owner next to Lions Lake Park who wanted to have the trees trimmed next to his property. She said we told him we found no reason to get them trimmed, but if he wanted to hire a

professional he would need to get their credentials and give them to the Township to make sure it was a legitimate business. He was not given permission to remove any of the trees.

Old Business

Pertinent Issues

Board member Zelinske asked what the restrictions might be on the \$25,000 grant money. Sheila stated she believed it was to be put toward the development of the park. She said she believed it may be used toward the walking path or contributing toward the playground. The first phase would include a playground, a bathroom/pavilion area, walking path at southern end, and the Frisbee golf and getting water and sewer to the property. She stated a lot of work is scheduled to be done in-house by our staff. Sheila stated the phases and timeframe depends on money availability. Discussion followed regarding how any volunteers and donations would be accepted and helpful for projects at the parks. Sheila stated there was always a need.

Question was asked if the sports organization would be receiving a letter asking them for their wish list to which Sheila replied they would not be receiving one this year but they may express their requests in writing.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bertin
Recording Secretary