

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
October 3, 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
Heather Pederson	Member
Constance Snavelly	Member
Sheila Wartluft	Asst. Manager

Also present were Skip Hetrick, Charles Allwein, Eric Brinser, and two Rettew associates.

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded to approve the September 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. He introduced Lauren from Rettew Associates who gave the Board examples of what documents were being used in other areas for sports associations regarding their fees, etc.

Lauren noted there were three items for which she would like to get a final decision including lighting, a skate park, and the possibility of a new sport complex. She said the only areas to be added to this chapter will be a section regarding recreational facilities available to residents and vision for Moyer Tract. She stated in terms of lighting their recommendation as consultants is for the Board to consider the possibility of lighting at the John Leiter Field (Teener Field) and Ebenezer. Regarding Lions Lake, it was mentioned it may be too expensive to light such a large area around the trail but possibly just the parking

lot may be a possibility. A discussion followed regarding lighting at fields due to cost and annoyance of the lights to neighboring residences. Lauren stated the next two topics could be combined and include future planning for a skate park and a new sports complex. Mr. Staub stated the possibility of a new sports complex could include major sports plus a skate park. Pros and cons of the cost of purchasing and maintaining a new facility were discussed.

Mr. Staub stated he wanted to discuss natural resources and connectivity. He said there were things that needed to be looked at regarding maintaining the natural resources of the area. He stated the plan includes ways to provide connectivity in the Township and also the possibility of available grants.

Eric Brinser, landscape architect, showed a plan with possibilities for the Moyer Tract including biking, hiking with paved versus soft, multi-purpose soccer field, basketball and volleyball area, and pavilions. He stated this was just a starting point and he would like feedback from the Board and the committee. Sheila stated they discussed a pavilion, which is rentable year round, open-air pavilions, concession stand, rest rooms, tot lot, storage area, etc. Discussion of possible entrances, parking and different types of uses of the tract followed. There was also discussion of preservation of the wooded and natural areas, and winter sports like cross country skiing and sledding. A suggestion was made for the possibility of dedication of trees similar to the program they had at Lion's Lake. Mr. Brinser stated he would come to the next meeting with other plan options for the park to include the recommendations of the Board.

Mr. Staub stated at the next meeting they would go over the entire comprehensive plan. He stated that they also would complete the plan for the Moyer tract, make any changes, and then send it to the elected officials with the possibility of a vote after the first of the year.

Pertinent Issues

Fees in Lieu Update

Sheila stated they have no money to spend in the west with funds left in the Central and East. She stated the dugouts are almost complete and they are hoping to get the drainage issue in at the lower soccer field before spring. Sheila asked for a recommendation from the Board regarding a request for air conditioning at the concession stand. The Board did not recommend us to install the air conditioning.

Sheila stated Clayton Snyder who is working on his Eagle Scout is compiling a record of the memorials at Lion's Lake with a sign containing a legend of where the different memorials are located. He also has worked to clean the plaques.

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 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bertin
Recording Secretary