

**MINUTES  
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
DECEMBER 7, 2004**

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	Vice Chairman
Jay Snavely	Member
Gary Zelinske	Member
Steve Smith	Member
Heather Pederson	Member
Sheila Wartluft	Asst. Manager

Vice Chairman Ebersole called for a motion to approve the November minutes.

**MOTION: Motion was made and second to approve the November minutes. Motion unanimously approved.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There was no public present this evening.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Pertinent Issues**

Sheila reported that she has a request in the form of a note to install a basketball net at Lions Lake. This is a suggestion from a resident that lives near the park. She is not sure where we would put it, but the request is here. Clyde said we would need a flat hard surfaced area in order for the game to be played and the only place we have like that at the Lake would be near the concession stand, which could possibly cause problems for the Meyers. Clyde asked if there are a lot of kids that play basketball in that area? Heather mentioned that there are some that play, but more so, teenagers that just hang out at the benches. She also sees adults that are walking with their toddlers and maybe, a basketball court might keep some of the kids out of trouble if they have something to do, rather than just sit. Again, the Board was having some difficulty in trying to envision a flat surface to play on at the Lake facility. The only flat area is next to the playground equipment. Heather said she is not so sure she would want a basketball court next to that area. Clyde then said, but maybe it is the babysitters of those children that use the playground, that are requesting the basketball court. She agreed that this could be true. Sheila said she could see that this could be used, especially by adults, since more and

**Pertinent Issues(cont'd)**

more adults are playing the game. She said she could see this being used quite a bit. Clyde said he doesn't want to sound like a "crank", but we have a very nice area up by the school that has 2 very nice courts that can accommodate a game. But he said we should keep it in mind for the future. Gary asked if the fees-in-lieu of money could be used for this project? Sheila said it could since it would be a new item to the parks. Heather asked if there is any space near the volleyball court? She was told no because it is all wetlands that surrounds that court. She then asked if there are any wetlands to the west of the park? They said not really. It was asked if this is something that could be kept in mind for the comp plan and see what the engineers think? Sheila said it is something that could be incorporated into the comp plan. Normally, she said, the engineers come up with something a little more out of the ordinary when they do these plans and think a little more creatively. Gary asked if there is a need to respond to this memo? Sheila said not necessarily, but she is going to give them a call so that they know we discussed it. She said she always likes to respond to people that take the time to write to us to let them know that we received their note.

Sheila mentioned to the Board that the leftover plants that we had from the Lake were taken over to the Moyer property and planted. We didn't want them to die and waste them.

The lighting at the Lake concession parking area is pretty much completed. They had the wiring run into the poles and should be in operation soon.

Sheila handed out the cards for the meeting dates for next year.

Steve asked how the ice cream stand work out this year? Sheila said she has not seen them lately to ask them. The last she talked to them, they were satisfied with how it went this year, but next year they want to be sure they are in by Memorial Day.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Fees-in-Lieu Update**

Sheila wanted to go over this report because there were several items on this report for the month. We have been spending most of the money on the western district only because that is where we have had the most development and the majority of the money. We did spend some on the lighting project. We finally got our picnic tables for our new pavilion and they were put over at the lake. We are still working on the parking lot at the Long Lane fields. She thinks we will be anticipating paving this next spring. Clyde asked if this was included in the figures that she gave them this evening? She said no it was not. She is looking at a tentative figure of \$20-25,000 for this project. Steve asked if this money could come out the central district as well? She said it could. It would depend on how much money we would have coming in on whether or not we would have to use the central monies. She reported that we finally did spend all of the money that came in from the Hess development, Deerfield North. The majority of the money that will be coming into the western district will be coming from the Isaac B Martin development. We should

### **Fees-in-Lieu Update(cont'd)**

have that to spend on the parking lot and a bunch of other things, such as the wet land rehab, since that is on the west side as well. Since the last report she gave the Board, they have spent, \$10,919.00 on the west side. There appears to be \$18,143 left in that account for the west. We have not spent anything on the east, but when the mortgage payment comes due on the Moyer Property, it will be taken out of this fund. The central district balances out both the east and west funds. We are anticipating additional funds this year, which should build up the "pot". The reason that the grand total that she is showing at the bottom of the report is different is because we get interest on these funds. She asked if anyone had any more questions on this report. Clyde asked if all of the east side developments have submitted their fees-in-lieu of moneys yet? Sheila said not all of them have turned this in yet. Jay had a question about the path over at the lake that is in the wetland area. Before we spend any money on changing this walkway, we should have Dave check into raising the path up by about 2 or 3 inches by laying pipes underneath it. That way it would not disturb the wetlands at all. It would also be cheaper than making a new path. Sheila said she is not sure what is going to work. When they tried to cut the pipes out to pipe it out down to the lake that was the next problem because it would go gushing down to the lake and cause erosion to the banks. Jay said the water is going across the path now, but if we lay pipe under the path and divert the water back into the lake that would take care of the problem. This would definitely cheaper than making a new path. Clyde said he thinks there would be alternatives to the new construction, but whether or not that would be one of them, he is not sure. But he thinks you could leave the old path there and re-route the water away from it or through that area without changing the entire area. Jay can't understand why, by just raising the path we are disturbing the wetlands? Gary said we would be interfering with the area and that is not what DEP wants. Sheila said what it boils down to is that the path should have never been placed there in the first place, but that is beside the point right now. We have to figure out a solution to the problem right now. DEP even seems to be stumped with this one. She feels by planting vegetation there we could possibly stop some of the run off onto the path and there by fix the problem. Jay said years ago, they mowed all of that area; it has just been the past couple of years that it has become a problem. Steve said with the rain we have had in the past couple of years, it is no wonder that it could not be mowed safely. Jay said if we cannot do anything with the wetlands, other than raising it, then it would be much cheaper than trying to make a new path around it. Clyde said someone is going to have a solution to this problem keeping within the boundaries that we need to adhere to. Jay said his concern is, if someone is walking on the path and falls, who is liable for the damages? Us of course. Sheila said we are not going to be able to do anything this year anymore. People that walk over there are aware of the situation and are cautious of the area. Gary said we need to have someone that knows about this type of thing look at it, not us, and come up with a solution to the problem. It is unfortunate that it has to be that way, but it is. Jay said he is a afraid if the tree and shrubs they planted get too big, that will keep the mower further away from them than they are now. Clyde said it would still be mow able. There was some talk about installing signs in this area where the water runs over the path in the event that it freezes so that the walkers are aware of it. Sheila also said we had discussed this last year as well, and we had decided to have a variety of signs that could be made to be placed at the lake

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concerning snowmobiling, ice skating, etc.

**Pertinent Issues**

Gary asked if the pavilion rentals match up pretty well with last year's rentals? Sheila said pretty much they are the same. Unfortunately, the family get togethers are starting to become a thing of the past, as it is harder and harder to get the entire family together. She mentioned that Tina will be sending the rental letters out in January, so we will be able to get better numbers at that time.

Sheila said that we are hoping to save money next year in the bathrooms by having the hand dryers installed versus the paper towels that are being used to clog the toilets.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

There were no information items this evening.

With there being no more business brought before the Recreation Board, meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Haser  
Recording Secretary