

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
April 1, 2014**

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 pledge to the flag was recited.

The following members were present:

Dwayne Elder	Chairperson
Gary Zelinske	Member
Jay Snavely	Member
Corey Hetrick	Member
Kay Spannuth	Member
Sheila Wartluft	Asst. Manager

There were two guests in attendance.

Member Zelinske asked if there were any additions or corrections or a motion to approve the March minutes.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Janet Krause explained that she was in attendance this evening regarding a sport that is new to the area called pickle ball. This sport is being played by mostly 55+plus persons. It is a combination of ping pong, handball, tennis, and badminton. She said there is a group of people who would like to see a pickle ball court. This court is smaller than a tennis court. The game is played with wiffle balls and paddles which are similar to handball paddles. She said she knows a couple who play it and she is requesting permission for these people to come to speak to the Board at the next meeting. Member Zelinske said he has seen it played and it uses a rather small area. He mentioned he had seen it played indoors and that the people in the 55+ communities in our Township may be interested in playing this game. Sheila mentioned there has been no money in the budget to even resurface the tennis courts in the past several years. She asked if there is a possibility that if the tennis court is not being used regularly that this could possibly be a usable site or there is another possible area near the Long Lane fields. Ms. Krause asked if there is a possibility of having the pickle ball lines painted on the existing tennis court. Discussion followed. Question was asked if there was a

way to find out what the interest may be through the newsletter or the Township website. Discussion continued. The Board suggested that the couple who has been speaking to groups come to speak at the next meeting.

Ken Winters mentioned he was attending the meeting regarding the fishing at Lions' Lake. He asked if there was anything that could be done to clean up the debris in the lake. Sheila explained they have engineers who are working on the dam breach analysis which was required by DEP. She explained they are trying to work on stream bank stabilization. A variety of improvements have been tried to get rid of the sediment. It is still on the table to be worked on but with all the other projects at the township this year it may not be accomplished. Mr. Winters mentioned that it is not possible to put a boat with a motor in the lake. Sheila replied they have been having some favorable discussions with DEP and this may be a question to put out to them for suggestions of things we could do in-house at a low cost.

New Business

Grant for Ballfield

Sheila reported she had attended the March 6th Commissioner's meeting. She explained they had requested \$25,000 grant money from the Marcellus Shale money to do the improvements to the new ballfield and the stormwater. We received \$20,000 and were happy with that amount. She mentioned the bids will be opened on April 17th for the ballfield.

Pertinent Issues

Temporary fence at Long Lane

Dwayne mentioned they would like to put up a new temporary fence at the ball field. He showed a picture of the product they were looking at and said it would not interfere with any of the other sports that use the field. He explained how it worked and would like to get approval for them to use this type of fence. He said the only issue would be if the fields were aerated or slit-seeded, the sockets may need to be removed. Sheila replied she would share it with Dave at the Department Head meeting and get direction.

Old Business

Ribbon cutting at the Lennie Lenape Park

Sheila reported the ribbon cutting will be April 21st at 1:00 p.m. She explained it is open to the public and she is trying to get a list together of anyone who has been involved over the years with the park. She said the Chamber of Commerce is

running the ribbon cutting. She stated as far as the disc golf sponsorship they did have three different people who contacted them since the newsletter went out.

Dam Breach Update

Sheila reported she did not have any updates since they last met. She said the Board had previously approved the first phase, and now approved the additional \$6,000 to go ahead with the study.

Sports Organization Keys

She reported they did bill the soccer organization for the lost key. She said baseball has ordered some extra keys and were waiting for the invoice to pay for the keys. Then she said they found out that football lost a key. She said the last she knew Dave had been trying to make contact with the person who lost the key. She said most likely they would need to charge football for the lost key and would not be issuing any football keys until the issue was resolved.

County Commissioner Grant Meeting

Sheila mentioned that she had attended the meeting and Kris Troup from County Planning. The Commissioners had positive things to say about the park and were thankful that the money went to a project that will benefit the community.

Food Stand Concern

Sheila explained she received an email from Supervisor Brensinger regarding the food stand concerns and that there is an Act 106 which exempts facilities that are used to support extracurricular activities such as booster clubs from inspection. She did mention the safety committee would be doing the yearly inspection of the park. Discussion followed as to what food is prepared in the concession stand.

Pertinent Issues

Sheila mentioned she had been approached by a baseball organization who would like to use one of our fields. She explained there is a fee in place for a one time use of the field for a tournament, but this request was from an adult group who would like to use the girls' softball field at the lake fairly heavily. She told the person they would not be allowed to use the field. She said she didn't know whether the issue would come back next year. There were concerns regarding damage to the fields. There is also a church group who has done volunteer work with the Township who would like to use the field on occasion. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

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