

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
March 3, 2020**

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	Chair
Corey Hetrick	Vice Chair
Kathy Sattazahn	Member
Ryan Schmidt	Member
Lori Books	Assistant Township Manager

Dave Strohm, Park & Rec Foreman, Cheri Grumbine, Township Manager, and Dan Cannistraci, Steckbeck Engineering, were also in attendance.

Oath of Office

Corey Hetrick (3-year term to expire on 12/31/2022) – Oath of Office was completed

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

PUBLIC INPUT – DCNR Grant – presented by Dan Cannistraci

Dan works for Steckbeck Engineering and consults with the Township on a regular basis with everything involving stormwater. For several years, the Township has attempted to obtain a DCNR Grant in order to move forward with the shoreline restoration at Lions Lake. Due to not being awarded the grant every year, further investigation was done to see what we could do to improve the application. We had a meeting with Lori Yeich from DCNR for suggestions to make the application look more appealing and well rounded. Dan is here to present those ideas to the Park and Rec Board members.

The first page provided is a summary put together by Ed, Cheri, Lori, and Dan of things around the park/property that have already been brought to the board members' attention.

One of the bigger projects the Township would like to tackle at Lions Lake is the shoreline restoration to help reduce the amount of erosion. Different options include flat

rock, joint plants, and live stakes. Joint plants and live stakes will hold the ground in place with their roots while also make it tougher for geese to hang out around the lake. Flat rock would create the same solution as well as allowing people to walk on and fish off the rocks.

The other projects include overlaying the Water Street parking lot, paving the Jay Street parking lot, and paving the Ashton Drive lot while also adding ADA parking.

Sheet number two provides an explanation and diagram of extending the walking path. There is currently no path on the southside of the lake. This would connect the Jay Street parking lot to the dam breast, as far as they could go, and provide better access for fisherman. Due to a section containing a telephone pole, there is not enough clearance to meet ADA requirements. The minimum required width of the walking path is 5 feet. The plan is to install the ADA path as far as they can go, and then transition to a crushed stone path.

Another proposed improvement is to replace all the playground equipment at the main playground. The current equipment is over 20 years old. Lori brought a few samples of some new playground equipment to show the Board members. She had a couple samples for the 2 to 5 year old and a couple for the 5 to 12 year old children.

The boat dock near the Jay Street parking lot will also be replaced. A floating boat dock has been constructed and the Township crew is waiting for approval from DEP to install it.

Dan also presented the removal of some playground equipment from the smaller playground, mainly the rusted saucer, as well as installing an ADA path for easier access to and from the restrooms.

Some improvements at the baseball/softball field would be replacing the chain link fence in the outfield, adding a tile drain system in the outfield to prevent the puddling water, replacing the back stop, and adding another ADA access area off the stone drive.

Kathy mentioned the water that puddles on the walking path near the entrance to the rental pavilion as a potential project for the grant. The macadam is cracked and has sunken. Lori explained this is viewed as a maintenance issue and not necessarily an improvement. It is on the list for the Township crew to address over the summer. Dave clarified a collapsed pipe is what caused the original issue.

Lori pointed out a few things within the summary that Dan did not mention. The Township would like to remove the island on the eastern end of the lake as well as creating a walking path out to the relief valve for Dave.

Kathy asked Dan if he has done any research on what type of rock they would use for the shoreline restoration. Are there any that deter geese from standing or laying on them? Dan replied that a gentleman from DCNR put together the work summary for this project which outlines which rock to use. It was noted that geese do not like walking on rock.

Dave asked if there was any way to limit civilians from having access of driving directly through the Jay Street parking lot. Many kids drive reckless or do donuts which does more harm than good. Dave was curious if the lot could be divided somehow with low maintenance to prevent future issues or eliminate the problem all together in that spot. The potential of creating two rows with curbing was discussed to split up the parking lot.

Kathy suggested adding quarter mile markers on the walking path to allow walkers to know the distance they've completed. The members agreed this would be a positive addition to the grant application.

The Park and Rec Board expressed their appreciation of the work Dan has done for this grant application.

Continuing with the Lions Lake improvements, Lori made multiple copies of playgrounds suited for different age groups. Each diagram includes swings and monkey bars. There will be equipment for 5 to 12 year old children and equipment for 2 to 5 year old children. Trying to be conscious of the cost, she tried to keep the 2 to 5 year equipment between \$10,000.00 and \$20,000.00 and the 5 to 12 year equipment between \$15,000.00 and \$25,000.00. The lady from Play World that Lori and Dave have been working with provided a 3-D diagram of the potential park options.

The Board Members discussed the different options and accessories on each diagram. Lori reiterated that she tried to keep the cost lower because they will also need to pay for installation costs. DCNR indicated their preference of having a contractor install the equipment and construct all of the other improvements instead of doing the work in house.

The Board Members agreed on the purple (hop, skip, slide layout) option for the older children playground.

For the younger playground, the Board Members agreed on the green (Lilah's lookout layout) option.

Chair Elder asked if there were any additions or corrections or a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting.

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

ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT-Lori Books

Update on Unfinished/Old Business

Floating Boat Dock – The Township continues to wait for approval from DEP to dredge the lake to install the new boat dock. Steckbeck Engineering received a response from DEP in mid-January. There were a few additional comments which our engineer addressed and resubmitted. We should hear something in the near future. The Township has since incorporated this project in the DCNR Grant.

New Business

Ebenezer Baseball – Dwayne mentioned he would like to install a Turface Warning Track for the midget field. Lori needs a recommendation from the Park and Rec Board to forward to the Board of Supervisors so they can take action.

Lori is waiting to hear back from Greg Fink (football association) regarding the equipment that was left in the storage shed and if they plan to keep items there. If so, they would need to renew their Athletic Agreement and pay the annual fee.

If football does not return, Lori has heard back from Audrey (cheerleading group) and they would like to use the field as well as the storage shed. They do not plan on holding any competitions. The use would strictly be for practices and Lori was provided with that schedule.

Providing football does not return to the Long Lane fields, the Board will need to decide on their thoughts of the permanent outfield fence at the midget field and installing the warning track.

The members agreed it was a good idea to move forward with both projects the Baseball Association would like to do. Lori will put together a recommendation letter for the Board of Supervisors.

Weavertown Fire Company – Weavertown Fire Company submitted a letter of request to use the full kitchen pavilion at the Community Park at no cost. It will be held Sunday, September 13th as an appreciation picnic for all their volunteer fire fighters and members. They have done this in the past and would like to continue the tradition.

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded to recommend Weavertown Fire Company be able to rent the Community Park full-service pavilion at no cost. Motion approved.

Lori will put together a recommendation letter for the Board of Supervisors.

New Plans/FILO

Mapledale – The Township received the Fees in Lieu Of from Gerald Musser. The total was \$47,500.00. Lori is hoping to use some of this money as match money for the DCNR Grant.

Pertinent Issues

Lori received an email through the Township website from a gentleman who is a part of the Lebanon Valley Disc Golf Club. He is requesting to install a lost disc box at Lenni Lenape. His organization will build and install the lost disc box and a few members from their group will maintain and empty it as needed. They intend to use a pre-existing post near the parking lot/hole #1 to place the lost disc box on. They are seeking permission from the Board.

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded to recommend the Lebanon Valley Disc Golf Club receive permission to install a lost disc box at Lenni Lenape. Motion approved.

Lori will put together a recommendation letter for the Board of Supervisors.

PARK & REC ACTIVITIES

Dave located and destroyed 229 spotted lanternfly egg masses along the back edge of the yardwaste facility at NLT. Lori and Dave think placing sticky band around the trees should help with the insect once they start hatching and climbing down the tree. USDA was here to collect samples for continued research.

All trash receptacles are finished and have been replaced with recycled plastic lumber.

Dave started putting the water pipes back together in preparation of Spring. He finished that work today. The City of Lebanon Authority is meeting Dave on March 9th to install the water meters. The current plan is to open everything for the first day of trout which is April 4th.

Reeds will be installing the new video and cameras starting the week of March 3rd. They are being installed at the Lions Lake main restroom, the Long Lane concession stand, the Community Park restrooms, and the Lenni Lenape restrooms.

Dwayne asked for clarification on the timed locks at Long Lane. In the agreement, the baseball association would be held responsible for any vandalism when it is unlocked while they are using the restrooms during practice or a game. If the bathrooms will now

be unlocked dusk to dawn, he does not feel the baseball association should be held responsible. Lori will look into adjusting the locks to fit with the baseball schedule and determine how we will handle this moving forward once the automatic timers are installed.

Lion's Lake – The Jay Street parking lot was back dragged to repair damage from cars doing donuts in the stone lot. Two new doggie waste stations were installed. Dave repaired a sharp edge on the steps at the main playground. The pavilion light was fixed. Dave trimmed back tree branches away from the electric lines. There was vandalism on the garage doors at the rental pavilion. Dave repaired the doors the best he could but is considering putting new doors in the budget for next year. They are made of a thin metal and the top sections were dented in pretty far as if someone was trying to break in by going in over the top. Dave purchased metal bars to help stiffen it up after pushing them back as much as he could. He also installed a dusk to dawn light on the Southside of the building.

Community Park – Two new doggie waste stations were installed.

Lenni Lenape – Thirty loads of mulch were spread though the disc golf fairways. Dave treated 51 trees with a soil solution to prevent bugs from killing them. New benches and trash receptacles were ordered for the new extension of the walking path.

Long Lane – Dwayne spread the stone in one of the dugouts and cleaned up all the trash laying around. He said it looked as though someone from the public built a campfire within the dugout.

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 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Lum
Recording Secretary