

**MINUTES  
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD  
October 6, 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
Mark Grumbine	Member
Lori Books	Assistant Township Manager

Dave Strohm, Park & Rec Foreman, was also in attendance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

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

Ryan asked for clarification on the donation box discussed at last month's meeting since he was not there. Lori informed him it was meant for monetary donations to help with the parks. It was suggested to place it near the Water Street restrooms to be within view of our video cameras.

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

**ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT-Lori Books**

**Update on Unfinished/Old Business**

Ebenezer Baseball Association – The installation of a permanent outfield fence and warning track was requested for the midget baseball field at Long Lane. The Board of Supervisors approved this request at their September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Lori informed

Dwayne and the Ebenezer Baseball Association will be moving forward with this project. Dwayne mentioned they are seeking a grant to help with the costs of this project.

### New Business

Ebenezer Baseball Association Additional Requests – The Ebenezer Baseball Association is seeking permission for various improvements to the fields located at Long Lane. They want to create a safe swing area behind the backstop at the midget field to help prevent any of the kids from getting hit in the head with a bat. They would also like to upgrade the batting cage and the warmup pitching mound. If approved, Dwayne intends to include these improvements in his grant proposal.

All Board members agreed that a “safe swing” fenced area is necessary. This will not only protect the players, but parents and young kids as well. Dwayne will work on keeping this as clean as possible to avoid mowing issues for Dave.

All Board members agreed to upgrading of the batting cage and pitching mound. Again, Dwayne would like to square this up and add stone to prevent mowing issues for Dave. The area has not been updated in years.

Since football has combined teams and is in the process of dissolving their organization, Dwayne asked that the storage garage the football association was using be re-keyed so the baseball association could use it. Lori mentioned there is still football equipment in the garage and hopes it will be cleaned out soon.

All Board members agreed to the re-keying of the football storage garage. Dave does not have any intention of using the garage as it is farther away. Ebenezer Baseball Association agreed to cover the costs of re-keying if approved.

Lastly, they are asking to install a retaining wall to prevent erosion along the fenced/concrete slab area along the first base line of the teener field. The area continues to erode and has become overgrown with weeds. The association stores their drag for the infield within the fenced area because it is too heavy to carry a long distance.

All Board members agreed to the installation of a retaining wall at the fenced-in area along the first base line of the teener field. Ebenezer Baseball Association would pay for this and Dwayne has already reached out to Stewart Masonry for a quote. The maintenance would fall on the baseball association, not Dave.

Lori will make a recommendation on behalf of the Park and Rec Board to the Board of Supervisors for all items requested by the baseball association.

Dave mentioned the deterioration of the shed at Lions Lake. Dwayne agreed that yes, it is in rough shape. If the storage garage gets approval to be re-keyed at Long Lane, he

would move all the equipment over there and get rid of the shed at Lions Lake. It will be discussed in their association meeting in October.

Portable Toilets – Due to COVID-19, the park restrooms remained closed this season. The Township contracted with Walters for portable toilets for the public to use when visiting. The question was raised as to how long the portable toilets should remain. Dave typically winterizes the restrooms mid/end of October. There are two at Lions Lake, one at Community Park, and one at Lenni Lenape. The Board members agreed to stick with Dave's normal schedule and get rid of them November 1<sup>st</sup>. Lori will contact Walters to end the contract and have the portable toilets removed.

WellSpan Partnership – The Township partnered with WellSpan this year for the "GO Lebanon" program where kids and families were encouraged to get outside and visit various parks to complete tasks. Lions Lake was used as one of those locations. The foot traffic was to be documented and provided to the Township to see how many people visited. Lori should be receiving that information soon.

In connection with WellSpan, Lori received a request from the same woman about a potential two-day event in the Fall of 2021. She is inquiring about using Lions Lake as the host park for "The Great Pumpkin Carve". This event would include different artists coming out Friday night to carve pumpkins while residents could come out and watch. On Saturday, the pumpkins would be on display for people to vote on their favorite. There would also be food vendors, fall games, and activities for families who come and participate. Lori emailed her back that they are interested in this partnership and to get more information. Lori is seeking the board members opinion. All board members thought this sounded like a great idea!

Budget – Dave has been working on the budget for 2021 and has three things listed for Park and Rec. He is proposing a backstop at the lower ball field at Community Park/N 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, refinishing the tennis courts and creating two pickleball courts, and the wind screen for pickleball.

## **PARK & REC ACTIVITIES**

All parks are continuing to be mowed and sprayed for weeds.

Lion's Lake – Border Patrol is still coming out to the park for goose control. The guard rail along Water Street was trimmed back. All stump grinding, topsoil, and seeding has been finished. The Quarterly Dam inspection was done. The Denier Light was filled up with water and not working so Dave removed it. The tot swing was removed at the playground as it was cracked. The tilt and spin was removed because it had broken off the base.

Community Park – Weeds and grass were removed from the softball infield. Dave is continuing to spray for lantern flies and installed several traps.

Lenni Lenape – Compost was spread everywhere.

Long Lane – The deadbolt on the soccer door had been vandalized. It has now been repaired.

Volunteers – Tom Mulhern continues to offer his time and help at Lions Lake. He was able to get stone donated from Collins Trucking for the Veteran’s garden.

Kathy had been walking around Lenni Lenape and was approached by a woman asking what the Township is doing about the lantern flies. Kathy explained that she has been putting sticky tape around the tree trunks to help prevent them from laying eggs. There is not much else than can be done. She asked Dave what traps he has set out? Dave replied that it is a window screen type material that funnels them up into a disposable bag. So far it seems to be working. Dave has also been spraying the Dawn dish soap/water mixture.

Dwayne asked the board members if they remember the discussion regarding a safety fence along the road at the teener field to prevent foul balls from going out on the street or into neighboring yards. He was unsure what ever came out of that discussion. Lori would have to research the topic. Dave suggested adding this to the grant proposal. Dwayne explained that one of the grant “rules” is that the outfield is not used for any other sport. The teener field shares the outfield with NCCS soccer and prior to this year, the midget field shared the outfield with football.

Corey asked if they plan on replacing the Denier Light. Dave and Lori plan to wait and see if it is necessary at this point before purchasing a new one.

Lori reminded everyone that next month’s meeting will be held on a Wednesday due to Election Day.

**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 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Lum  
Recording Secretary