

MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
December 1, 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:

Kathy Sattazahn	Member
Ryan Schmidt	Member
Mark Grumbine	Member
Lori Books	Assistant Township Manager
Absent:	Dwayne Elder
	Corey Hetrick

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

Lori asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes or for a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting.

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

ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT-Lori Books

Update on Unfinished/Old Business

GO Lebanon – Lori received results from the “GO Lebanon” program that was held over the summer. Participants were challenged to get outside and one of the locations included Lions Lake. It was reported that 231 participants had gone to the lake resulting in 76% participation. It was also noted that the total mileage walked was 182.49 miles. Next year they requested permission to use Lenni Lenape Park.

New Business

New Plans / FILO – The development submission for “Town’s Edge” is close to getting approval. They have proposed 88 lots. Lori is anticipating the payment for the “Fees In Lieu Of” will be received in either December or January.

Playground Assessment – It was recommended by DCNR to have an assessment of the playground done for the grant we are applying for. Each member was provided a copy of the playground assessment. Several recommendations were made in the assessment which should be helpful in our grant request.

Annual Activity Report to BOS – Each year Lori creates a summary report for the Board of Supervisors that lists the highlights from the Park & Rec Board. Each member was provided with a copy for review.

PARK & REC ACTIVITIES

All restrooms were winterized the end of October and all portable toilets were removed 10/30/2020. The dumpsters will be removed at the end of this month. The trees were trimmed at all parks.

Community Park – The rotten wood on the dugout roofs were replaced.

Lenni Lenape – Compost was spread on the wildflower area.

The paperwork has been submitted for the necessary permits for the pavilion/storage area we intend to build next year. We received \$25,000 from the County Marcellus Shale Grant towards this project.

Kathy asked about the dumpsters that were at Lenni; this was the first year she noticed them. Lori stated that due to the increased use at the park with walkers and rentals, additional trash was being accumulated and placing dumpsters at the park was an easier solution for the crew to empty the trash cans more frequently instead of bringing the trash back to the Township.

Volunteers – Tom Mulhern continues to offer his time and help at Lions Lake.

Pertinent Issues –

Mark asked Lori which playground presented the largest problem. She stated the main playground at Lions Lake has old equipment and should be replaced completely. The Community Park had a few items deemed unsafe including the lack of “impact cushioning” beneath some of the equipment and the two metal slides are at an angle that is now considered unsafe. They need to either be removed or replaced.

Most of these comments are recommendations for the Township. Some have already been removed, some have been patched, and others will be dealt with when and if our grant is approved.

The Board members offered the following suggestions:

1. Consider removing the metal slides at the Township Community Park. It was noted in the assessment that these slides are outdated and should be removed or replaced. The stairs exceed the acceptable range of 30 to 45 degrees, and they do not provide any guarding at the top of the slides. The Board feels since the Township has been made aware of these possible dangers, we should remove the slides.

2. The assessment also pointed out that there is inadequate impact cushioning surrounding certain playground equipment at the Township Community Park. The present setup does not meet the required safety standards. The Park and Rec Board Members suggest placing playground mulch around the necessary equipment. This would include the zip line, small plastic slide, merry-go-round, and stationary climbing train as shown in the report.

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 7:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Lum
Recording Secretary