

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 15 2007**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the North Lebanon Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building located at 725 Kimmerlings Road, Lebanon, PA with the following people present:

Dawn M. Hawkins	Chairperson
Edward A. Brensinger	Vice Chairperson
Kenneth C. Artz	Treasurer
Cheri F. Grumbine	Manager
Harold Easter	Chief of Police
Frederick Wolf	Solicitor

Also in attendance were representatives from the Lebanon Daily News, the Patriot News many other individuals.

PRESENTATION OF LENNI LENAPE PARK MASTER SITE PLAN – Eric Brinser/ Lauren Zumbrun of Rettew Assoc.

Chp Hawkins explained this presentation involves the recreational area the Twp had purchased several years ago that had been known as the Moyer property. This property is located off Narrows Drive and is located north of the Weavertown Rd intersection. Rettew Assoc will be making the presentation.

Lauren started the presentation by explaining this project is being completed in conjunction with the Park & Recreation and Open Space Comp plan for the Twp. Information on the Comp Plan will be forthcoming at a later date. Tonight a proposed overview of the site located off Narrows Dr will be given. The Park & Rec Board has been meeting with Rettew Assoc to discuss this particular recreational area. A random mailing of a survey was mailed to Twp residents. The survey asked for feedback from the Twp residents as to what types of recreation they would prefer to see in this park space. A 15% response was received back from this survey. A public meeting was held in June, as well as an outreach program to the fifth grade students of the 2 public schools within the Twp. The name Lenni Lenape was suggested by one of the students that attends Union Canal Elementary School.

The consensus of the survey responses and the public meetings was that the area is such a beautiful natural area that they would prefer much of it remains in a natural state. The need for more pavilions and a multi-use sports field was also recognized and incorporated into the master plan for this site. Lauren discussed the properties close to the proposed park. She also pointed out the access points as well as any emergency access areas within the area. Some of the highlights of the plan are the natural trails through wooded area, a multi-purpose field, a sledding area, pavilions, outdoor learning center, concession area with restrooms, and a Frisbee golf course area. Evergreen buffers are shown as well as lighting for some of the trails. A tree dedication program, such as was done at the Lions Lake Park, is being proposed.

At this point Eric took over the presentation. Some of the questions voiced concerned handicapped accessibility, only one multi-purpose field being proposed, the plans for the wooded areas, and the existing access into the park. Eric explained this is a guideline or proposal for the area. Modifications can and will be made as the park develops. The next engineering steps were explained and the idea of pursuing grant funding for many of these projects. When the conversation came back to ball fields Steve Smith, Park & Rec Board member, pointed out all the available areas that are in existence for ball field use and the layout of the recreational lands, the group was in agreement that the idea of keeping it as natural as possible was what appealed to everyone. He stated the group is looking to provide something unique for the area that is not known anywhere else. Sheila Wartluft agreed saying that in order to provide sports fields, a very large chunk of land is required.

PRESENTATION OF LENNI LENAPE PARK (con't)

In order to receive any funding from DCNR the fields would be required to be regulation size and the natural state of the area would be lost. P&R member Constance Snively repeated the uniqueness of the area is what the P&R Board is seeking to preserve. To locate more ball fields there would destroy what the residents and the Board members are trying to preserve.

Chp Hawkins thanked the residents who offered their opinions and the Park & Rec Board members for the time and thought they put into this master plan. She is impressed with what was presented for the Twp. Chf Easter voiced his concern that emergency access be considered in the planning process. Eric of Rettew stated that all the trails would accommodate a vehicle. This is not something that should be done everyday but in the event of an emergency the trails would accommodate this need.

Martin Barondick expressed his displeasure of the proposal presented. He felt a library would be more appropriate. He also voiced a concern about the expense of this proposal. Chp Hawkins told Barondick the cost would be determined by what is finally decided to accomplish in the area. Barondick stated the Twp should find better things to spend its money on. Another issue expressed by Barondick was the use of the name of an Indian tribe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2006 and January 2, 2007 with a correction to the date listed in the 1-02-07 minutes regarding the reorganization Board meeting (should be Monday 1-07-08). Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL PAYROLL, PAYMENT OF INVOICES, FUND BALANCES

MOTION was made and seconded to approve payroll, invoices for payment subject to audit. Unanimously carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT – Gerry Burke

Gerry Burke, of the Ebenezer Fire Co, was in attendance to present a report on the activities of the four fire companies located within the Twp. A summary for the month of December was given. Also a total of the year's calls for service for each fire company was given. A lengthy discussion on the increase of calls for service was held. The number of "medical assists" has risen and the number of pumping details the companies are called out for have also risen. A question about the medical training the fire co members are required to take was asked. Burke stated that is dependent upon the company. He could only answer for the Ebenezer Fire Co. A discussion about the choice of vehicles used to respond to some of these calls was held. Burke explained that the need for specific equipment is what determines choice of vehicles. The larger vehicle contains the bulk of the necessary equipment needed for a call.

A discussion was held about the ISO issue, which is in reference to the insurance rates. Mgr Grumbine told Burke a letter on Twp letterhead requesting a study has to be submitted for this study to be accomplished. Although the Board would be making the request, the bulk of the work would fall to the fire companies, themselves. Burke stated the equipment has been upgraded for all the companies and it has been many years since the last ISO study had been completed. The Board was in agreement to make the written request.

MOTION was made and seconded to authorize the Twp Manager to compose a letter requesting the ISO study be completed for the four NLT Fire Companies. Unanimously carried.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT - Harold Easter**A.)Calls for Service – December and 2006-Year End Summary**

Chf Easter gave the details of the calls for service from the month of December 2006. Also given was the 2006-year end summary report. When asked about resolving the recent car break-ins, Chf Easter reported there had been arrests made several weeks ago in regards to that issue.

B.)Fire Police Roster

Chf Easter had provided the Board with a roster list of Fire Police and is asking for approval of this list. The Supervisors reviewed the list provided. Suv Brensinger asked if these individuals were all up their required training. Chf agreed the training has been completed.

MOTION was made and seconded to approve the Fire Police roster as presented. Unanimously carried.

C.)Police Chaplin Dean Cover

Pastor Cover explained the duties of this volunteer position as the Police Chaplin. He has completed several ride alongs since October of 2006. Future ride-alongs have been scheduled in coordination with his duties as Pastor of his church. In December of 2006 two death incidents had occurred. Pastor Cover explained his role for assisting the Officers in situations such as this. His presence allows the Officer to continue on with their calls once the Police Chaplin is on the scene and offers counseling the family of the victims.

Pastor Cover has already signed up for training offered on March 13 & 14 by Lebanon County HMR. This training will provide for crisis intervention, such as 911. Pastor Cover expressed his hope that this type of situation never arises. Upon completion of this training he would be certified.

A draft of a suggested policies and procedure manual has been submitted to Chf Easter in regards to the Police Chaplin. Once that procedure is approved, Pastor Cover will be able to proceed without having to interrupt the Chf and his busy schedule. When asked, Pastor Cover stated he is the Pastor at Living Waters Chapel located on Jay Street. Gerry Burke questioned the stress management course. Is this something available to the Fire Companies? Chf Easter explained the procedure for reporting these situations to the County team. He said it is usually firemen that deal with firemen.

TOWNSHIP MANAGERS REPORT – Cheri F. Grumbine**A.)Schmoltze & Takeshi/Ebenezer UMC Subdivision-Lot Addition**

This plan is a minor lot addition to the property owned by Ebenezer UM Church from the lands currently owned by Ronald Schmoltze. Roseanna Slayton had formerly owned the property. The NLT Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended approval of the plan. All information regarding the legal description has been submitted and reviewed by Sol Wolf. He is also working with Rachel Hesiey to get the new Deeds accomplished. Lebanon County has recommended approval of the plan.

Sol Wolf explained there are 2 different deeds being prepared and presented. Mr. Schmoltze has now signed deed #1 and the lot that is being conveyed from Schmoltze to the Church. The second deed is the one for the Church, which combines the existing church property and the new lot addition. The Ebenezer Minister had signed this deed this afternoon at Sol Wolf's office. Once the signed deeds are submitted to the Twp, the deeds will be recorded along with the subd plans at the County.

MOTION was made and seconded to approve the Subdivision Lot addition Plan, contingent on the receipt of the 2 signed deeds. Unanimously carried.

B.)Yardwaste Commercial Cards

A request has been received from a Commercial cardholder for the Yardwaste Facility. The request for a second card has been made. Mgr Grumbine has suggested that one additional card, per Commercial cardholder, be permitted at the cost of \$25 for that card. If needed, the policy regarding the Commercial accounts can be reviewed and revised at a later date. When asked about the dates for Christmas tree drop-offs, the answer given was February 16th for the Twp and February 17th for the GLRA.

MOTION was made and seconded to authorize the purchase of one additional card for the Commercial yardwaste cardholders at the cost of \$25. Unanimously carried.

C.)Prior Subdivision Plan Approved – Linda & Loretta Drive Cul-de-sacs

Mgr Grumbine reminded the Supervisors of a subdivision plan located off Hefflefinger Road that had been approved previously. The legal descriptions have not been received from the Engineer or the developer. Several communications have been made with both the Engineer and the developer requesting this information with no results. Mgr Grumbine is suggesting the Twp institute a moratorium on any and all issues with this developer until all information is received regarding these 2 cul-de-sacs. She has prepared a letter giving a deadline of 1-26-07 for all information to be provided to the Twp. Mgr Grumbine is asking the Solicitor's opinion on this type of moratorium. The developer is Conestoga Log Cabin Leasing, who has many subsidiaries of the company. Restoration Connection being one of the subsidiaries. A discussion took place about what the best procedure would be to handle a moratorium. Sol Wolf suggested 2 language changes to the proposed letter. After some discussion it was decided by the Supervisors to forward the letter after Sol Wolf's revisions are made to the letter.

D.)Bonding from White's Harley Davidson – E Cumberland Street

Mgr Grumbine stated that several years ago when White's expanded their building, the Board had hoped to create a second access to the rear of these business located at this area. Several property owners were involved in these discussions. The idea was for all the owners to contribute to this service road. White's had posted a bond amount for work on this future service road. This bonding is due to expire and Mr. White is asking for his bonding to be released by the Twp. A discussion was held about the possibilities of this service road being constructed. Several options were discussed. Contacting the owners for an update on their plans for this area was mentioned. Suv Brensinger said he feels White should be released from this obligation, as he mentions in his letter he would be agreeable to this venture should it become an option again.

MOTION was made and seconded to release Joe White's bond commitment on January 31, 2007. Unanimously carried.

SOLICITORS REPORT - Frederick S. Wolf**A.)Update on George Hardick Property**

At this time Mr. Hardick is in contempt of the court order. DEP is still working on violations of his property. The court is responsible for taking action on the contempt issue.

B.)Roberto's Towing

This case is also before the court, although it is a different Judge. The provisions of contempt have been given to the Judge. The property will continue to be monitored and reported to the court.

C.)Ordinance Updates

The update of the Ordinances is continuing with the Board looking at several different provisions. Input has been received from Chf Easter and Officer Wengert with regards to Code Enforcement. A draft of the complete update of Ordinances will be presented to the Board for review in February. After the Board reviews the NLT Planning Commission and Lebanon County Planning will be asked to review for any comments regarding the Zoning section.

D.) N 11th Ave RR Crossing

All information and Briefs have been presented to the PUC judge on the issue of the railroad crossing located at N 11th Avenue. An indication has been given that a decision will not be announced before a six-month period. The PUC judge will give his recommendation to the Public Utility Commission and a decision from the Commission could take up to a year. All municipalities involved are in agreement to keep this location open. The railroad company is the only one that wishes to close this crossing.

E.)15th Avenue RR Crossing

The work has been completed at this crossing with road improvements and gates being installed. The case was considered closed until the railroad filed an objection regarding some outstanding expenses.

15th Avenue RR Crossing (con't)

A determination of the expenses remains an open issue. A lengthy discussion was held about the possibilities of the expense issues. In the end the PUC will determine who is financially responsible for what.

F.)Report from Officer Wengert

Sol Wolf reported he has met with Officer Wengert in regards to a property in the Township. A notice has been given to the owner regarding removal of a structure located on the property. The deadline date has now passed and the structure remains in place. Contact has been made with the property owner's attorney. Unless compliance takes place, court action will occur to have the structure demolished.

G.)LVDEC – Lebanon Rails Park

Sol Wolf and Mgr Grumbine have met to discuss the list of outstanding issues with the Industrial Park owned by the Lebanon Valley Economic Development Corp. A letter was received from their attorney asking for a complete list of items. All issues with the Township and the Municipal Authority will be listed, including the missing bonding information. Windsor Drive is another unresolved issue. The dedication of this road will not take place until after the 2007 winter season. LVEDC is responsible for any winter maintenance that might be required during this time.

As there was no more business to conduct or discuss the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa L. George
Recording Secretary