

MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
May 5, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the North Lebanon Township Parks & Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice Chair Uhrich at the North Lebanon Township Municipal Building located at 725 Kimmerlings Road, Lebanon PA. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following members and Township staff were present:

Corey Uhrich	Vice Chair
Mark Grumbine	Member
Audrey Blauch	Member
Lori Books	Township Manager
Misty Bender	Administrative Assistant

Absent:	Dwayne Elder	Chair
	Ryan Schmidt	Member

Also in attendance were Supervisor, Gary Heisey, Public Works Director, Jared Balsbaugh, Recording Secretary, Brandi Trumbo, and Township Resident, Jim Cikovic

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were no comments from the public.

MEETING MINUTES from April 7, 2026, are ready for action. Vice Chair Uhrich asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting.

MOTION was made by Mark and seconded by Audrey to approve the minutes from April 7, 2026. Motion approved unanimously.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT – LORI BOOKS

Old Business

Tree Dedications - Last month the Board recommended approval of two separate tree dedications. One with Joan French and the other with Phyllis Casper. The Board of Supervisors approved both agreements. Once they have their plaques made, our Parks and Recreation Foreman will install them. Joan has paid all required fees. Phyllis had chosen to pay in two installments. Her second payment and plaque have now been received.

Mobile Food Vendors/Trucks - Last month the Board recommended the Supervisors look at revising the Parks and Recreation regulations to allow the use of food trucks in the Township. The Parks & Rec Board comments and suggestions were provided to the Board of Supervisors, and they authorized Solicitor Leonard and Manager Books to work on rules and regulations as well as a sample Ordinance to allow for the use of mobile food trucks within our Township and on Township property. Once the draft is ready, it will be presented to the Parks & Recreation Board for review before the Board of Supervisors move forward with the public hearing and approval.

Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church – THANK YOU for Volunteering - Every year this church reaches out to volunteer and give back to the surrounding communities. This year the churches' J-Rock volunteer program helped with cleaning up and mulching at Lenni Lenape Park. North Lebanon Township would like to extend our sincere appreciation for their community service again this year.

New Business

New Plans/FILO – None to report.

Spring Park Inspections - The spring park inspections were completed by members of the North Lebanon Township safety committee. Lions Lake was completed on 3/31, the Community Park/North 8th Avenue was completed on 4/9, and Lenni Lenape was completed on 4/10. All the reports were provided to the Board for their review. Manager Books stated there was nothing major noted in any of the inspection reports. These reports are provided to the Parks and Recreation Foreman Dave Leid to follow up on as needed.

Tree Dedication - Phyllis Casper has chosen another tree at Lenni Lenape. She has signed the agreement and paid the fees in full. Manager Books asked for a motion to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve this tree dedication with Phyllis Casper at Lenni Lenape Park.

MOTION was made by Audrey and seconded by Corey to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve the tree dedication with Phyllis Casper. Motion approved unanimously.

PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES - All members were provided with Dave Leid’s activity report for April.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Manager Books introduced Misty Bender to the Board as the new Administrative Assistant.

Supervisor Heisey inquired about previous discussions regarding the possibility of adding a dog park at Lions Lake. He asked what all would need to be done to make it happen and if there was any research done regarding this. Manager Books stated there is a numerous amount of work that would need to go into research, legal issues, insurance questions, maintenance issues, how to regulate those permitted to use the dog park, liability issues, and a lot of clerical work. Vice Chair Uhrich stated he could work on some of the research.

Supervisor Heisey also questioned the possibility of adding a basketball court to Lenni Lenape Park as a Township resident inquired about it. Manager Books stated that the master plan for Lenni does show an area for a multiple purpose field and other amenities but there is nothing currently planned.

A brief discussion was held regarding the walking paths at Lions Lake. Jared explained the plans to overlay all the old existing walking paths and repair some spots where needed. He hopes to have this completed this fall. It was also mentioned that we received a \$25,000 grant from the County Commissioners Marcellous Shale Grant, which will cover most of our expenses. This grant is a 50% match. Our match will consist of mostly in-kind services including equipment and labor.

With there being no more business brought before the Parks and Recreation Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

MOTION was made by Mark and seconded by Audrey to adjourn. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandi Trumbo
Recording Secretary