

Washington Township Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2005

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Shadle called the meeting to order at 8:07. All members were present.
- II. Approval of Minutes -- Upon a motion by Kevin Hoch, seconded by Mike Troutman, the minutes of the meeting 4/20/2005 were approved.
- III. Introduction of Guests -- Guests present were Tim Miller, Treasurer of the Elizabethville Athletic Association; Ryan Shoop, President of the Elizabethville Athletic Association; Matt Stoneroad, citizen; and James Watson, Washington Township Supervisor.
- IV. Public Comment -- Representatives of the Elizabethville Athletic Association, hereafter referred to as the Little League, came to solicit grant money for the new field to be located adjacent the existing field. It was duly noted that the Recreation Board does not have the power to spend money, only give advice to the township supervisors. Thereupon Supervisor Watson related the history of the joint recreation ventures of Elizabethville Borough and Washington Township and advised the Little League officers to go through the established cooperative body which oversees these undertakings between the two municipal entities. Supervisor Watson stated that Washington Township may be able to give some monetary help to the project and that the township would certainly be willing to donate the time of employees and equipment, as long as that time can be properly scheduled. All members of the Recreation Board and Supervisors Watson wished the Little League officers well, as they do indeed have a bonafide need for additional fields, both for practice and games.
- V. Old Business -- Chairman Shadle and Secretary Williams met with Andy MacAllister of DCCNR, Andy Drebitko, and Ed Wytovich at the former A&D Coal Breaker. The meeting was very positive; Mr. Drebitko seems quite willing to donate the whole property. In addition to the land for a canoe

launch and handicapped fishing access, there is land which could be used for athletic fields and a trail.

- VI. New Business -- Supervisor Watson inquired about the status of other properties previously mentioned for possible parks. Chairman Shadle noted that the Sawmill property owner is not receptive. As to the A & D property, the Recreation Board needs to brainstorm a plan for the nine acres: early in July DCCNR will be bringing heavy equipment to demolish the breaker, and that equipment could begin preliminary grading for facilities at that time. Supervisor Watson interjected that the Recreation Board may use the services of the township engineer to draw a serviceable plan from any rough drawings.
- VII. Adjournment – On a motion by Mike Miller, seconded by Kevin Hoch, the meeting adjourned at 9:04PM. Kevin Hoch stated that he would not be able to make the next meeting. The next meeting will be June 15, 2005 at 8:00PM.