

**DOVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
DECEMBER 12, 2016**

The Dover Township Board of Supervisors' Work Session for Monday, December 12, 2016, was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Matthew Menges in the Meeting Room of the Dover Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were Matthew Menges, Charles Richards, Stephen Parthree, Stephen Stefanowicz and Robert Stone. Other Township Representatives in attendance were Laurel Oswalt, Township Manager; Michael Fleming, Township Public Works Director, Chalet Harris; Township Recreation Director, Terry Myers; Township Engineer and Tiffany Strine, Township Secretary. There was one member of the public present. This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of minutes only.

**This work session is being held for the purposes of discussing the proposed recreation plan for the Township owned Golf Course property.**

Chalet Harris; Township Recreation Director, gave a presentation on the proposed recreation plans for the Township owned Golf Course property. Mrs. Harris informed the Board of the strong immediate and future recreational needs within the Township.

The Township is currently developing and growing along with the needs for further recreational spaces and uses for the community. Mrs. Harris noted the immediate needs for expanded youth sports spaces, large event spaces and proper playground space. A youth sports survey was completed and strong need for baseball, soccer and lacrosse fields were ranked highest within the survey. There is great need for additional large event space as a result of Township functions and events outgrowing the spaces that have been used for many years. Township events at Brookside Park; such as Trunk or Treat and Christmas in the Park, brought in such large crowds that some visitors could not attend, due to the venue's limited parking space. Township events at Lehr Park including Election Day, baseball's opening day and the library's Summer Reading Kickoff event have outgrown their prospective locations as well.

The Township is also in need of relocating the Dover Community Park Playground. This playground continuously floods in the current low lying location. Therefore, this particular area strongly needs to be moved to higher ground. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources are also in favor of the move. Mrs. Harris informed the Board of the strong expense to continuously replace mulch and playground equipment features do to the continuous flooding damage.

Mrs. Harris presented the Board with various concepts depicting the initial recreation concept, proposed roadway placement, baseball fields, playground areas, restrooms and pavilions, walking paths and possible future developments. The future developments for growth that Mrs. Harris is hoping to consider include, but are not limited to, an Amphitheatre, Frisbee golf, hiking trails with streams and wetlands and expanded parking areas. Mrs. Harris would like to propose pavilion, restroom and concession concepts for the Golf Course property similar to that of the Dover Township Lehr Park layout and attributes, but with a higher capable capacity for large

scale events. These recreational proposed additions could greatly increase Township revenue via the rental uses for the public.

The size of the Golf Course property is a total of forty-nine point ninety-eight (49.98) acres.

Chair Menges; along with the full Board, thanked Mrs. Harris for her Township Golf Course property recreation proposal presentation and her time this evening.

The work session was adjourned at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tiffany Strine, Recording Township Secretary