

**LANCASTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**Speedwell Forge County Park Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes of 4/17/2013**  
**7:00 P.M., Penn Township Municipal Building**  
**Approved**

Board Members Present

Dawn Darlington  
Helen Farrington  
Jay George  
Eileen Lieberman  
Richard Pohner  
Tom Stahl  
David Wood

Others Present

Milt Lauch, Save Speedwell  
Lancaster County Department of Parks & Recreation:  
Paul Weiss, Parks & Recreation Administrator & Officiator  
Deborah Werner, CPS, Senior Secretary/  
Public Relations Specialist

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The meeting began at 7:04 P.M.

Old Business:

- Eileen Lieberman moved to approve the September 19, 2012 Advisory Council Meeting Minutes as submitted while Helen Farrington seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted online at [www.lancastercountyparks.org](http://www.lancastercountyparks.org).

New Business:

- Paul welcomed new council members Richard Pohner and Tom Stahl as replacements for Pete Parsil and Sally Vanderslice respectively; others present introduced themselves.
- Paul introduced Milt Lauch as spokesperson of Save Speedwell, [www.savespeedwell.org](http://www.savespeedwell.org); Lauch spoke to the group about the mission of the organization to rebuild Speedwell Forge Lake.
  - Save Speedwell would like to dredge approximately 37,000 tons of silt from the lake bed.
  - The organization has received grant of \$436,000 to remove and dispose of the sediments.
  - Save Speedwell is seeking nearby landscapers and owners of agricultural land who may be interested in receiving the excavated sediment for reuse or fill.
  - As disposing of the sediment to landscapers is the less costly option, Save Speedwell is seeking these opportunities first.
  - If they are still interested in depositing soil on the agricultural land in Speedwell Forge Park, Lauch will contact the council in the fall. In the meantime, he will continue to gather information on the process of harvesting and depositing the sediment.
- Speedwell Forge Park Update:
  - Tony Good is scheduled to have a hearing with Penn Township officials Monday, 4/29, at 7:00 p.m. regarding rezoning his property adjacent to Speedwell Forge Park from T2 (Agriculture) to T1 (Natural). The rezoning would extend to the portion of Speedwell Forge Park within Penn Township and would make the Park zoning in Penn and Elizabeth Townships consistent.
  - Metal Park boundary signs have been posted by Park Rangers in Speedwell Forge County Park;
  - PGC required hunting safety zone signs have also been in the Park where there are occupied dwelling within 150 yards of park land that is eligible for hunting.
- 2013 County Budget Update With mandates to assume non-discretionary cost increases and to reduce operating expenses by 2.75%, the Parks Department's operating budget decreased by approximately 1/3 from 2012 to 2013. In addition, \$9,600 was borrowed from reserve funds to balance the 2013 Parks budget.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

The next Speedwell Forge Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, at the Penn Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah H. Werner, CPS