

LANCASTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
Speedwell Forge County Park Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes of 9/18/2013
7:00 P.M., Penn Township Municipal Building
APPROVED

Board Members Present

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

Others Present

Lancaster County Department of Parks & Recreation:
Paul Weiss, Parks & Recreation Administrator & Officiator
Clyde McMillan-Gamber, Naturalist
Deborah Werner, CPS, Senior Secretary/
Public Relations Specialist
Todd Hawn, Chief Park Ranger

The meeting began at 7:02 P.M.

Old Business:

- Dave Wood moved to approve the April 17, 2013 Advisory Council Meeting Minutes as submitted while Jay George seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted online at www.lancastercountyparks.org.

New Business:

- Paul Weiss introduced Chief Park Ranger Todd Hawn.
- The terms of council members Helen Farrington, Jay George and Dave Wood are up for 3-year reappointment on 12/13/2013. Jay and Dave accepted invitations for re-appointment. Paul will contact Helen regarding the same.
- Prior to the meeting, Paul contacted Milt Lauch (SaveSpeedwell) regarding Mr. Lauch's earlier request to consider the use of agricultural land in Speedwell Forge Park for disposition of sediment dredged from Speedwell Forge Lake. At this point, Mr. Lauch believes that he has adequate other locations to accept the sediment (e.g. Dawn Darlington indicated that Wolf Sanctuary is accepting sediment from the Lake). Accordingly, Mr. Lauch is withdrawing his request to use parkland for the time being.
- Tony Good's plan to re-zone his property, the adjacent Zieset property and the portion of Speedwell Forge Park in Penn Township to T-1 Natural District was approved by the Township's zoning board. Accordingly, Mr. Good will receive one more development right on his property. The County did not contest this plan as the new zoning for the parkland matches the zoning for the portion of Speedwell Forge Park in Elizabeth Township.
- Paul apprised the Council of a potential real estate transaction that could increase the size of Speedwell Forge Park. This matter is still in the discussion phase; Paul will update the Council as additional information becomes available.
- The Parks Department's budget appropriation for 2014 reflects a reduction of \$100,000 from the 2013 figure. When cost increases to non-discretionary items are factored in, the actual difference is more than \$125,000. As a result, the Department had to make some difficult decisions for the upcoming year, including combining two full-time positions into one.
- Chief Hawn reported that hunting is allowed in Speedwell Forge Park but is limited to muzzleloader, archery and shotgun only.

- On a matter unrelated to Speedwell Forge Park, Clyde McMillan Gamber asked Tom Stahl about the upcoming New Holland Water Authority land auction and the potential for adding that parcel to the Conservancy's adjacent Welsh Mountain Preserve. Tom indicated that the Conservancy has identified the available parcel as an acquisition priority but can only consider bidding if they are able to find a funding source.

Jay George called for meeting adjournment at 8:00 P.M. while Richard Pohner seconded.

The next Speedwell Forge Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at the Penn Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah H. Werner, CPS