

LANCASTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Speedwell Forge County Park Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes of 9/21/11

7PM, Penn Township Municipal Building

APPROVED

Board Members Present

Eileen Lieberman
Sally Vanderslice
David Wood
Dawn Darlington
Helen Farrington

Board Members Not Present

Jay George
Pete Parsil

Others Present

Lancaster County Department of Parks & Recreation:

Paul Weiss, Parks & Rec. Administrator and Officiator

Clyde McMillan-Gamber, Naturalist

Deb Werner, CPS, Senior Secretary/Public Relations Specialist

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Old Business:

- Dave Wood moved to approve the April 20, 2011 Advisory Council meeting minutes as submitted. Sally Vanderslice seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- Eileen Lieberman and Dawn Darlington agreed to stay on as Advisory Council members for an additional 3-year term; Paul Weiss will seek approval and appointment from the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.

New Business:

- Tropical Storm Lee flooded the East on 9/7 and 9/8; Speedwell Forge County Park suffered bridge and boardwalk relocations as a result. Park maintenance crews are busy attending to bridge repairs, so park work will be taken care of as time permits. Council members reviewed photos taken at Speedwell Forge and the other County Parks of Lee's wrath. Out of nine county-owned parks, six were damaged during this storm.
- The Clean and Green application for Speedwell Forge County Park was approved.
- Myers farm lane has been restored.
- There is no anticipated tax increase in 2012 for county residents.
- The Ranger Division is now fully-staffed with six officers; two to four rangers are on duty at any given time.
- Speedwell Forge County Park remains part of the "Cooperative Farm – Game Program"; Game Commission officers may be observed patrolling parkland from time to time.
- Rifle hunting is prohibited on Speedwell Forge Park property during the PA hunting season, but muzzleloader, shotgun and bow hunting are allowed in their respective seasons.
- Approximately four of fourteen miles of the North West River Trail between Columbia to Conoy have been completed; the pedestrian bridge over Chickies Creek in Chickies Rock County Park will be part of this trail.
- Naturalist Clyde McMillan-Gamber answered questions and shared his knowledge about birds, skunks and snakes in the Speedwell Forge Park and the surrounding areas.

- Pending approval from the Penn Township manager, the 2012 Advisory Council meetings will be held Wednesday evenings, April 18 and September 19, at 7 p.m.
- Eileen Lieberman noted that she found a cell phone at Speedwell. Paul added that park rangers are keepers of the department's "Lost and Found", and may be contacted if council members find anything more in the future.
- It was reported that Lancaster Bird Club members have been visitors at Speedwell.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

The next Speedwell Forge Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at the Penn Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah H. Werner, CPS