

LANCASTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION
Speedwell Forge County Park Advisory Council
Meeting of September 17, 2008
7PM, Penn Township Municipal Building

Board Members Present:

Jay George
Eileen Lieberman
Pete Parsil
David Wood

Board Members Not Present:

Helen Farrington
Robert Gabriel
Sally Vanderslice

Others Present:

None

Lancaster County Department of Parks & Recreation: Jim Hackett, Executive Director and Officiator, Clyde McMillan-Gamber, Naturalist, and Deb Werner CPS, Senior Secretary/Public Relations Specialist.

- The meeting began at 7 p.m. A quorum of four members was present.

Old Business

- A motion was made by Pete Parsil to approve the minutes of 04/16/08; Eileen Lieberman seconded.

New Business

- The Park Maintenance Department blazed the trails to show boundary lines.
- Signs will be posted in the kiosk to remind visitors that hunters may be present during hunting seasons.
- Chief Park Ranger Lore Verne resigned. Interim Chief Ryan Gajecki will fill in. A ninth fulltime ranger may be hired in 2009. It is possible, however, that a rehire of the Chief's position may not be done, and that the County Sheriffs' Department may be taking charge of the Park Ranger Division. That decision may be made in the next six to eight months.
- Deb will email the Pig Iron Fest and Apple Festival flyers to Speedwell members.
- The County will not be participating in gypsy moth spraying in 2009.
- A new parking lot will be installed at the County's Theodore Parker Natural Area in Drumore Township.
- A grant application was made to DCNR for funding toward the resurface of Lancaster Junction Recreation Trail in East Hempfield Township. DCNR will make its decision in 2009.
- A final draft of the Master Plan's Projects and Initiatives will be ready by 10/01/08.
- The Department's Environmental Education Division and the Lancaster Conservancy are linking to provide joint public programs. (The Environmental Education Division provides year-round public and private programs to participants of all ages.)
- Clyde offered to host the Chickies Rock County Park Tour in 2009.
- Deb is writing articles, providing photos, and park maps to Lancaster Newspapers for their monthly supplements entitled *Susquehanna Outdoors*. A different County-owned park has been featured since June 2008.

- Advisory Council members may notice park program announcements on Blue Ridge Cable 11 TV. Program information is submitted to the station each quarter.
- Upon the official approval of Penn Township, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. after a motion by Jay George; Eileen Lieberman seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah H. Werner CPS