

**LANCASTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION**

**Speedwell Forge County Park Advisory Council**

**Meeting of September 20, 2006**

**7PM, Penn Township Municipal Building**

**Board Members Present:**

Jay George  
Eileen Lieberman  
Peter Parsil  
Sally Vanderslice

**Board Members Not Present:**

Helen Farrington  
Robert Gabriel  
J. Scott Shank

**Others Present:**

Dave Wood, Penn Twp. Supervisor  
Gregg Hesling, Elizabeth Twp. Resident

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

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The meeting began at 7:02PM. A quorum of four members was present. A motion to approve the minutes of 4/27/05 was made by Sally Vanderslice and seconded by Jay George.

It was noted by David Wood that the name of the new Penn Twp. Manager is Connie Lucas.

**Old Business**

- Jim updated everyone present: Department is still searching to hire a Park Design Specialist (to replace Bart Brown) with the requirement being a Landscape Architect, registered by the State. As the PDS acts as a project construction administrator for the Department, the 2005 TOD signs that were approved will be erected after a PDS is hired.
- Jim referred the clearing specific bird boxes to Environmental Education as not all birds prefer them to be cleared.
- Eileen asked if we would allow Boy Scout projects.
- Pete asked if the Conservancy could do projects at Speedwell due to the easement provided by them.
- Jay expressed concern that volunteers not go into conservation areas.
- Jay, Pete and Jim toured the Park last year. The sign locations on Long Lane were changed. Jim reported that all signs would be consistent in the future.
- Jim reported that the Department currently holds some Environmental Education programs at the Park. Jay suggested that an Envirothon be held at the Park to reach kids that cannot attend the present one.
- Eileen asked if the Department has ever received requests from high school seniors to do senior projects at Speedwell.
- It was suggested that letters go to the high schools regarding naturalist programs at science fairs. Jim will speak with Vic and Emily of the Conservancy.
- Jay said that horses are still trudging through the wetlands. Jim mentioned the Rangers' Park Watch program that the Department offers to nearby residents. Pete brought up the wetlands trail and the reconstruction of an informal wooden bridge. Jim will talk with Steve Booth, Trails Coordinator, about this.
- Jim reported that a \$600,000 grant was received for Conewago Trail improvements; no motorized vehicles will be allowed on the trail. A bicycle shop will move near the Rt. 743 trailhead.
- Sally expressed concern that Speedwell Park fit in with the surrounding lands as stated in the original plan. Jim assured everyone that the Park will remain "passive."
- Jim added that other County Park projects forthcoming are: Central/Buchmiller Park Master Plans; Conestoga River Greenway; Pauley Tract at Money Rocks, funded through Growing Greener 2.
- Visitor Gregg Hesling, husband of Darlington's daughter, and co-owner of nearby Speedwell Forge Bed & Breakfast, was introduced and had no comments to add to the discussion.
- After a discussion regarding any purchase of Darlington property, the Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation would probably not purchase the land, as noted in the original minutes of April 15, 1999.

## New Business

- Sally Vanderslice and Pete Parsil agreed to be considered for re-appointment to the Council for a three-year period after 12/31/06.
- In light of Scott Shank's retirement, David Wood, Penn Twp. Supervisor, asked to be added to the Council.
- After an offer from Greg Hesling, the next Council Meeting will be held at the Speedwell Bed & Breakfast, Wed., Apr. 18, 7 p.m.

A motion by Jay George was made to adjourn at 7:58 p.m., and then seconded by Sally Vanderslice.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah H. Werner CPS