

Hamiltonban Township Recreation & Parks Commission
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
Workshop Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2009

Members Present: Chairman Pamela Wiehagen, Juanita Larmer, and Secretary Doreen Premo.

Others Present: Supervisor Coleen Reamer, Supervisor Robert Gordon, Pastor Robert Costello.

The meeting began at 7:30 pm and was constituted as a workshop committee meeting for discussion only as there was no quorum present. Vice-Chairman Cathy Jo Lehmer was absent due to personal reasons.

Agenda: The members present discussed the items on the planned agenda.

1. The approval of the January Minutes will not occur until a quorum is present.
2. The RPC reorganization will occur at the first meeting with all members present.
3. We continued the discussion of possibly providing a park on township property in the BB Section off Iron Springs Road. Security and maintenance are issues. This is decided as Passive Recreation, so the opinion was this should be a nature trail. We will survey the neighborhood (probably first by sending out a survey form, and then go door-to-door to collect the forms). Pastor Costello has volunteered to help us.
4. Supervisor Coleen Reamer discussed the South Mountain Conservation Project to preserve the South Mountain Faces, and the Glatfelter Tree Farm Project. The committee wishes to notify the public of the uniqueness of this area and promote tourism. She discussed how the RPC could interface with this by working on the Official Map. We discussed the need for a better map to work from, and Supervisor Robert Gordon suggested we contact Mr. Hise at the Courthouse, and utilize the GIS maps available on the Adams County webpage to identify properties for possible parkland easements. Supervisor Reamer also informed us that Betsy Kerlin would come to one of our meetings held jointly with some local farmers who might be interested in conservation of farmland to discuss easements and the procedure involved to preserve land while they still own it. This area is considered "The Cradle of Conservation".
5. We looked at various brochures of existing parks and trails in other parts of Pennsylvania, and also reviewed a training brochure called 2009 Parks and Recreation Academy to be held in Enola, PA. Those of us present felt we should attend the session called Basics held on March 25. The Secretary will contact Vice-Chairman Cathy Jo Lehmer to find out if she would also like to attend, and will then notify the Township Secretary to put our request for

funding on the BOS Workshop Agenda for Feb. 26, 2009. The cost is \$30 per person.

6. Secretary Premo stated that she still needed to correspond with different community park personnel as discussed at last month's meeting.
7. We briefly discussed the South West Adams County Comprehensive Plan as it relates to the RPC, and how the RPC can help with the Plan.
8. Secretary Premo mentioned that the RPC Year-end Report is due to BOS at their March 3 meeting. She will write up the report based on previous meeting minutes.

Other: The next RPC meeting is March 11, 2009 at 7:30 pm at 23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320. The workshop ended at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Premo, Secretary