

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee

**GREENWAY AND PARK ADVISORY BOARD**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GPAB MONTHLY MEETING**

**Date and Time:** January 9, 2012 – 3:30 PM

**Place:** Manheim Township

**Attendance:**

Columbia Borough:	Jeff Helm
E. Hempfield Township:	George Resh
East Lampeter Township:	
E. Petersburg Borough:	
City of Lancaster:	
Lancaster Township:	
Manheim Township:	Carl Neff
Manor Township:	
Millersville Borough:	James Delle
Mountville Borough:	
West Hempfield Township:	
West Lampeter Township:	
Environmental Community:	Bill Ebel
LCPC/LCPD:	Paul Weiss
Lancaster County Conservancy:	
School Districts (A):	
School Districts (B):	
Agricultural Community:	
Recreational Organizations:	
Others:	Michael T. LaSala, LIMC

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by LIMC ED Mr. M. LaSala at 3:40 PM due to the absence of officers.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. G. Resh motioned, Mr. B. Ebel seconded, and the minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting were approved.
3. **Nominating Committee for 2012 Officers:** The committee indicated more time is needed to finalize the recommended candidates. It was agreed to table the presentation of candidates and vote until the February 2012 meeting. It was agreed to let LIMC ED Mr. M. LaSala to act in the capacity of a chair solely for facilitating the meetings until officers are elected.
4. **Public Comment:** There were no comments.
5. **Presentation by Host Municipality:** Mr. C. Neff provided a presentation on behalf of Manheim Township. A potential project is the “Manheim Township Memory Hill 9/11 Memorial.” The project’s location would be adjacent to the new library building in Overlook Park and located in a

Memorial Garden. The focal point would be steel from the twin towers with other sections focused on Flight 93 and the Pentagon as well. Potential components include pathway flags, viewing deck, plaques, and the twin tower steel for the Twin Towers section. A “Let’s Roll” plaque and tree & bell package for the Flight 93 section. A flagpole with lighting and memorial plaques for the Pentagon section. All sections would be connected by pathways and wildflower meadows. Mr. C. Neff indicated the township commissioners are looking to pursue the project.

6. **Reports and Actions**

- a. **Proposed 2012 GPAB Meeting Schedule:** Mr. C. Neff motioned, Mr. J. Helm seconded, and the proposed 2012 GPAB meeting schedule was approved.

7. **Member Exchange:** The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- a. **Landis Woods in Manheim Township stormwater run-off:** Mr. B. Ebel spoke about improvements for stormwater run-off adjacent to Landis Woods. An improvement effort should continue including removal and replacement of invasive species along the unnamed waterway. Funding for improvements is a hurdle, but mapping “sponge areas” would be a tremendous help. The LCCWC is looking to push the mapping.
- b. **Riverfront Park in Columbia:** Mr. J. Helm indicated improvements are approved for Riverfront Park. It is hoped several items are installed prior to the GPAB meeting to be held in Columbia in September.
- c. **Trail connection along Susquehanna:** Mr. P. Weiss indicated the county is preparing a proposal to Norfolk Southern that would possibly lead to the connection of the NW trail and the Columbia trail.
- d. **South Duke Street Bridge:** Mr. P. Weiss indicated the bridge was re-opened to traffic in December 2011. The roadway to the park by the bridge was closed during construction and has remained closed since the re-opening. If it remains closed, this will be a connection between the Conestoga Greenway and Central Park trails.

8. **Old Business**

- a. **New LCC Facility:** Mr. B. Ebel provided an update. A char rete was held during the first week of December 2011. As a result, a single concept for the new facility was chosen. This concept is currently under development with the hope of reviewing a schematic design during the next scheduled public meeting in February.

9. **New Business**

- a. **Proposed GTRCP Implementation Process:** Mr. M. LaSala provide a brief description of the proposed regional plan implementation process and items affecting GPAB.
- b. **Vacant GPAB membership:** Mr. M. LaSala indicated there are several vacant seats on the board. There may be interest from a recreational organization. However, if any member encounters someone with interest on serving on the board, to forward their information to Mr. M. LaSala. It was agreed to approach Mr. R. Goodno of LCC to discuss the potential of having a person from LIVE Green serve on the board on LCC’s behalf.
- c. **Conestoga Greenway kiosks:** A discussion ensued about possibly promoting kiosks outlining the history behind the Conestoga Greenway. Mr. B. Ebel provided a condensed history leading up to the install several years ago including the original idea is from a group of business leaders around 1911 and the city’s master plan showed the greenway in 1929. More discussions would need to follow include addressing liability issues and maintenance.

**10. Other Business**

**a. Matter of Record**

- i. The next regular GPAB monthly meeting will be held Monday, February 6, 2012 at 3:30 PM at the City of Lancaster.
- ii. There are currently no planned LUAB reviews with submissions that would affect parks or greenways at this time.
- iii. GPAB representative changes or re-appointments were confirmed at the December 2011 regular LIMC meeting.

**11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Mr. M. LaSala at 4:45 PM.