

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee

GREENWAY AND PARK ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GPAB MONTHLY MEETING

Date and Time: February 6, 2012 – 3:30 PM

Place: City of Lancaster (Lancaster City Wastewater Treatment Plant)

Attendance:

Columbia Borough:	Jeff Helm
E. Hempfield Township:	George Resh
East Lampeter Township:	
E. Petersburg Borough:	
City of Lancaster:	Donna Jessup
Lancaster Township:	Suzanne Teske
Manheim Township:	Carl Neff
Manor Township:	Christine Brubaker
Millersville Borough:	
Mountville Borough:	
West Hempfield Township:	
West Lampeter Township:	Lisa Wright
Environmental Community:	
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. LaSala at 3:32 pm due to the absence of officers.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Resh moved, Mr. Helm seconded the motion, and the minutes of the January 9, 2012 meeting were approved with the following corrections:
 - Suzanne Teske was not present.
 - Under item 7 (c): connection will be to the Columbia Trail and not the Enola low-grade.
 - Under item 7 (d): the closed road will be a connection in lieu of could be a connection.
3. **Nominating Committee for 2012 Officers:** Mr. Resh moved, Ms. Wright seconded the motion, and Suzanne Teske was approved as the 2012 GPAB Chair and Christine Brubaker was approved as the 2012 GPAB Vice Chair. Chair duties were immediately transferred to Chair Teske.
4. **Public Comment:** There were no comments.

5. **Presentation by Host Municipality:** Ms. Jessup provided a summary of City of Lancaster activities relative to greenways and natural resource protection. Several grants, including NFWF and DEP grants, were received by the city. The grants will be used to improve three parks in 2012. The parks include Brandon Park (with improvements commencing by 4/1) and Rodney & Crystal Parks (with improvements in the fall). Improvements will include new playground structures, porous paving, landscaping, and pathways. Ms. Jessup indicated the city is pleased with the porous paving installed thus far. The city also purchased a new street sweeper that works well with porous paving. Ms. Jessup further outlined the tree planting program and associated costs under way in the city. The program is known as the Lancaster County TreeVitalize Metros Program through LIVE Green.
6. **Reports and Actions**
 - a. **Proposed Park and Open Space Implementation Options Packages (IOPs):** Mr. LaSala provided an overview of an IOP in development titled “Greenway and Park Agency.” The IOP would outline the mission of the agency, duties of a “Greenways Coordinator,” and a defined Lancaster County Conservancy (LCC)/LIMC Partnership. Development is in coordination with the LCC to identify tasks and not to duplicate services. Ms. Brubaker requested the word “waterways,” as shown in the goal of the IOP, should be kept in check as we should specifically focus on protecting waterways. Any ideas or considerations for the agency should be forwarded to Mr. LaSala as the IOP is developed.
 - b. **Planned Belmont Commercial Development:** Mr. LaSala indicated Mr. Neff was notified as the GPAB representative of Manheim Township of the submitted Belmont Development package for LUAB review per previous agreement, since the project will impact greenways and/or natural resources. It was confirmed the LUAB review was postponed until the March 2012 LUAB meeting. Mr. Neff provided several comments. The Manheim Township planning department has already returned comments to the developer outlining concerns—specifically with potential impacts to natural resources including the existing Belmont quarry. Mr. LaSala indicated the Natural Resources Plan in Growing Together calls for a minimum 100’ riparian buffer around the quarry. The board agreed in principle to draft a letter of review and attach to LUAB’s determination letter. Mr. LaSala will forward the appropriate documents relative to the Belmont Development to the board.
7. **Member Exchange:** The following items were discussed during the meeting:
 - a. **Enola low-grade trail:** Ms. Brubaker indicated Norfolk Southern accepted the subdivision plan associated with the Enola low-grade trail. This essentially means the project can move ahead at this time for Phase 1 which covers Turkey Hill to the Martic Forge Bridge.
8. **Old Business**
 - a. Comments regarding potential kiosks were postponed at this time.
9. **New Business**
 - a. **GPAB Committees:** It was indicated the Public Awareness Committee was originally for review of newsletter information for the “Greenpoints” newsletter. Due to the fact there is not a current newsletter, it was agreed not to appoint any person to the vacancy on the committee. It was agreed in principle to have a GPAB section in an LIMC electronic newsletter. It appears no other committees are necessary at this time.
 - b. **Little Conestoga Watershed Association:** Ms. Brubaker indicated the Little Conestoga Watershed Association received an approximate \$400,000 grant for stormwater

improvements. It was indicated a majority of the grant monies will be used for riparian buffers which will aid in meeting county-wide allocations for the DEP Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP).

10. Other Business

a. Matter of Record

- i. The next regular GPAB monthly meeting will be held Monday, March 5, 2012 at 3:30 pm at Manor Township.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Teske at 4:26 PM.