

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee

**GREENWAY AND PARK ADVISORY BOARD**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GPAB MONTHLY MEETING**

**Date and Time:** March 5, 2012 – 3:30 PM

**Place:** Manor Township Municipal Offices

**Attendance:**

Columbia Borough:	Leo Lutz
E. Hempfield Township:	George Resh
East Lampeter Township:	
E. Petersburg Borough:	
City of Lancaster:	
Lancaster Township:	
Manheim Township:	Carl Neff
Manor Township:	Christine Brubaker, Barry Smith
Millersville Borough:	James Delle
Mountville Borough:	
West Hempfield Township:	
West Lampeter Township:	
Environmental Community:	Bill Ebel
LCPC/LCPD:	Michael Domin
Lancaster County Conservancy:	
School Districts (A):	
School Districts (B):	
Agricultural Community:	
Recreational Organizations:	
Others:	Michael T. LaSala, LIMC; Jen Sugra, Penn Manor School District; Eboni Bryant, LGH; Mary LeVassuer, LGH; Angela Trout, YWCA Lancaster

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Brubaker at 3:32 pm. Introductions were completed of guests in attendance.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Resh moved, Mr. Neff seconded the motion, and the minutes of the February 6, 2012 meeting were approved.
3. **Public Comment:** There were no comments.
4. **Presentation by Host Municipality:** Mr. Smith provided a presentation on behalf of Manor Township. The focus of the presentation was the low-grade rail trail project along the Susquehanna River. The trail will be approximately six miles long, running from Creswell Station down past Safe Harbor Dam into Conestoga Township. The rails and ties have been removed, but the ballast remains on the trail. There have been several issues with rock slides, and the township

is currently working to remove the debris. The township is currently working on finalizing the deal with Norfolk Southern, but has already completed a number of necessary actions relative to land development. At this time, the trail will be two-10' wide trails to accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, and horses. A trail surface has not been finalized, but Mr. Smith indicated the township is reviewing proposed surfaces and want it to be right.

## 5. Reports and Actions

- a. **Young Lungs at Play Initiative (YLAP):** Mr. LaSala provided a brief summary of the initiative and the action the LIMC has requested of the board; which includes drafting a resolution for municipalities to adopt the YLAP program and a second resolution encouraging the state to adopt the YLAP program. Ms. Trout and Ms. LeVassuer provided a presentation regarding the program. Primary items presented include:

- Three keys to the initiative:
  1. Playground areas
  2. Limit exposure to second-hand smoke
  3. Reduce litter
- The coalition will provide sample resolutions and ordinances, along with training
- The coalition will provide free signs indicating a "Tobacco-free Zone"

Clarifications were also provided regarding the differences between a municipality adopting a resolution or ordinance relative to the program. It was further indicated, school districts should adopt the policy through their own resolution as well. Preliminary drafts of the two resolutions were reviewed by the board. Mr. Resh moved, Mr. Delle seconded the motion, and the board approved both resolutions with the following modifications: (a) change "owns" to "owned" in the next to last paragraph of the state resolution; (b) add "All" to the beginning of section 1 of the policy in the municipal resolution; (c) eliminate sub-section a under section 1 of the policy in the municipal resolution; (d) eliminate "where children are present are tobacco-free areas. The specific properties deemed tobacco-free are as follows;" (e) change "will be" to "may" in section 2 of the policy in the municipal resolution; and (f) eliminate "to the policy" in section 4 of the policy in the municipal resolution.

- b. **IOP 2012-1, GPAB Reviews:** Mr. LaSala indicated the Land Use Advisory Board (LUAB) approved IOP 2012-1 which provides procedures for GPAB to complete reviews of land development plans, if so requested by a member municipality, and provide comments and recommendations.

## 6. Member Exchange: The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- a. **Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area:** Ms. Brubaker indicated the Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area has "issued an alarm" relative to the proposed cuts in the budget by the governor. The cuts will most likely impact operations and opportunities.

## 7. Old Business

- a. Comments regarding potential kiosks and the NFWF grant were postponed at this time.

## 8. New Business

- a. **Columbia/Turkey Hill/Enola low-grade Trails:** Mayor Lutz provided a summary of the proposed and existing trail system along the Susquehanna River. The NW Lancaster County Trail runs from Columbia up to Conoy Township for approximately 14 miles. The Columbia Trail section will connect to the NW Trail and be completed in 2014. The Manor Township Trail will approximately 6 miles long, thus providing an approximate 23 mile trail along the Susquehanna River. However, there is a gap between the Manor Township and Columbia Trails. Despite funding cuts to DCNR over the next few years, a

plan should be developed for the missing section between Columbia and Creswell Station. With a plan in place, this would allow pursuit of funding opportunities if one so arises. It was indicated the PennDOT right-of-way may be sufficient for a trail connection in lieu of using the current Norfolk Southern right-of-way. A survey would most likely need to be completed to determine the extent of the right-of-ways. Mr. Domin indicated he will check with GIS to view if maps exist outlining the extent of the PennDOT right-of-way.

**9. Other Business**

**a. Matter of Record**

- The next regular GPAB monthly meeting will be held Monday, April 2, 2012 at 3:30 pm at Millersville Borough.

**10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Brubaker at 5:12 PM.