

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee

GREENWAY AND PARK ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GPAB MONTHLY MEETING

Date and Time: April 2, 2012 – 3:30 PM

Place: Millersville Borough Municipal Offices

Attendance:

Columbia Borough:	
E. Hempfield Township:	George Resh
East Lampeter Township:	James Everhart
E. Petersburg Borough:	
City of Lancaster:	
Lancaster Township:	Suzanne Teske
Manheim Township:	Carl Neff
Manor Township:	Christine Brubaker
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 Chair Teske at 3:36 pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Resh moved, Ms. Brubaker seconded the motion, and the minutes of the March 5, 2012 meeting were approved.
3. **Public Comment:** There were no comments.
4. **Presentation by Host Municipality:** Mr. Delle provided a presentation on behalf of Millersville Borough regarding recent and proposed activities relating to parks and greenways. Mr. Delle indicated the borough has one park—Freedom Memorial Park. Primary points presented include:
 - Currently, Shertzer Lane provides the only main access point to the park.
 - An initiative is underway to connect the park with a park in Manor Township via walking trail. The initiative would entail a porous asphalt path from the park to the elementary school. The path would continue up Leaman Avenue to the Manor Township Park.

- For final connections, there are still hurdles to resolve, including access at private properties.
- The borough is investigating the installation of security cameras along the path to address concerns regarding safety of children due to the fact the path passes an elementary school.
- The park commission is outlining a potential construction timeline at this time.
- In addition to the pathway, the borough is studying the possibility of a Veteran's Memorial in the park.
- Another item under review is an additional entrance on the west side of the park. Essentially, Prince Street would be extended to the west side of the park. The borough is reviewing potential property acquisitions to achieve this goal.
- Ms. Brubaker expressed an interest in establishing a greenway that would intersect with the proposed walking path as well.

5. Reports and Actions

- a. **Procedure for Review of Land Development Plans:** Ms. Brubaker moved, Mr. Resh seconded the motion, and the Procedures for Review of Land Development Plans by GPAB as outlined in Implementation Option package 2012-1 was approved.

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

- a. **Lebanon Valley Rail-Trail and Conewago Recreation Trail 2011 User Survey and Economic Impact Analysis:** Mr. Weiss provided information regarding a study outlining the successes and analyses of the trail(s) located in Lebanon County and northwestern Lancaster County. He indicated it is excellent reference guide for those considering trails.
- b. **Habitat for Manheim Township:** Mr. Ebel indicated the organization will hold its first annual dinner on April 19th at The Barn at Overlook. Registration costs \$70/person. The keynote speaker will be Douglas Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home*. The organization will also conduct a native plant sale on 4/28 at the Stauffer mansion from 9 am - noon.
- c. **Lancaster County Aerial Photo Update:** Ms. Brubaker provided information from a newspaper article indicating the county has approved updating aerial photographs. The updates will be available for use through the GIS lab early next year. It was agreed in principle to monitor the update to assess "what can we learn" from changes observed.

7. Old Business

- a. **Conestoga Greenway kiosks:** Mr. LaSala indicated information will most likely be ready for discussion in June for the kiosks.
- b. **Little Conestoga Watershed Association NFWF grant:** Mr. Ebel indicated Matt Kofroth from the Conservation District is leading the management teams of the grant. There are three primary teams being organized to manage the aspects of the grant. Ms. Brubaker indicated the "Conestoga Sojourn" has a canoe/kayak trip planned for the Little Conestoga on June 3rd. Trip would commence around 10 am on Marietta Avenue. The first leg would be to Conestoga Country Club. The second leg would start at 1 pm from the pumping station on Route 999. The trip would end at Camp Hogan, the confluence of the Little Conestoga. She further indicated beavers have been observed moving up the streams into the Little Conestoga from the Susquehanna.
- c. **Enola low-grade/Columbia Trail connection:** It was clarified this item refers to the "missing" trail section or needed connection between Creswell Station and the proposed Columbia trail. Mr. LaSala indicated PennDOT has no plans to widen the road. The offsets observed for the inlets are due to designed drainage. Further discussions ensued of possible actions and other items that should be afforded focus. Mr. Ebel moved, Ms.

Brubaker seconded the motion, and GPAB recommends the LIMC (1) identify “critical” trail connections (such as Creswell Station to Columbia) to achieve goals of Growing Together; (2) outline the continuation of the Conestoga Greenway; and (3) identify absorption areas relative to stormwater management (similar to projects completed by Land Studies at Lititz Run and along 222 in West Lampeter Township) was approved.

8. **New Business**

- a. **Way-finding signage:** A discussion ensued regarding establishing way-finding signage through the LIMC region similar to the signage in the City of Lancaster for way-finding to cultural and heritage resources. Mr. LaSala indicated LancasterHistory.org is one of several entities that expressed interest in such an endeavor. Two types of signage requirements would need to be considered: (1) PennDOT requirements if signs were placed in the PennDOT right-of-way, and (2) all other places. It was agreed in principle the signs should be an extension of the city’s signs. It was further agreed the two first steps is to establish a stakeholder list and possibly outline the sign program. GPAB representatives will check with individual municipalities to add to the stakeholder list. It was agreed the Lancaster County Conservancy and Millersville University would be interested stakeholders as well. Further discussions ensued regarding the river/stream identification signs previously installed. Mr. LaSala indicated it was his understanding additional signs are currently stored in the basement of the Manor Township Municipal office. Mr. Ebel moved, Mr. Delle seconded the motion, and GPAB requested the LIMC contact individual municipal managers via letter to outline sign locations that need replacements was approved.
- b. **LIMC link to LCPC website:** It was agreed in principle for the LIMC to check with the LCPC on adding a link to their website to the LIMC website that contains GPAB information. Mr. LaSala will follow up with the LCPC.

9. **Other Business**

a. **Matter of Record**

- The next regular GPAB monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 7, 2012 at 3:30 pm at East Petersburg Borough.

10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Chair Teske at 4:48 PM.