

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee

GREENWAY AND PARK ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GPAB MONTHLY MEETING

Date and Time: June 4, 2012 – 3:30 PM

Place: East Lampeter Township Municipal Offices

Attendance:

Columbia Borough:	Jeff Helm
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:	
Mountville Borough:	
West Hempfield Township:	
West Lampeter Township:	Lisa Wright
Environmental Community:	Bill Ebel
LCPC/LCPD:	Michael Domin
Lancaster County Conservancy:	Nate Ruckinger
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 3:32 pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Resh moved, Mr. Neff seconded the motion, and the minutes of the April 2, 2012 meeting were approved. There were no minutes for the May 7, 2012 meeting as quorum was not established at that meeting.
3. **Public Comment:** There were no comments.
4. **Presentation by Host Municipality:** Mr. Everhart provided a presentation on behalf of East Lampeter Township regarding recent and proposed activities relating to parks and greenways. Mr. Everhart indicated the township has three main parks—East Lampeter Township Community Park, Flory Park, and Lafayette Tour Park. Primary points presented include:
 - The community park serves a more rural area within the township.
 - About ½ of the proposed layout for Flory Park has been developed.

- Flory Park is along Mill Creek and contains ball fields, pavilions, and walking paths.
- A stream bank restoration project is underway by the County Conservation District in Flory Park.
- Lafayette Park contains a ball field and a mini-disk course.
- Connectivity is limited at this time between parks. A possible connection is under review between the community park and the Lancaster Mennonite High School campus.

5. **Reports and Actions**

- a. **GPAB Greenway/Trail Initiative:** Mr. LaSala indicated potential options to address or outline the achievement of recommendations in the comprehensive motion have currently been pulled from the draft 2013 LIMC Program Plan based on initial feedback from the Committee-of-the-Whole. Mr. Ebel will attend the regular monthly meeting of the LIMC in July to address the item.

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:** Ms. Brubaker indicated an article was in the paper regarding the Conewago-Lebanon valley trail study. Mr. Domin further indicated the trail study can be used as a guide for determining the effectiveness of such trails. It would be ideal to connect the NW corridor to this trail. A possible rail trail is also under review between Lititz and Ephrata along the Norfolk Southern line.
- b. **May Hourglass Presentation:** Mr. Ebel indicated he attended the May Hourglass Foundation forum in which Mr. LaSala was the presenter. He indicated it was a good presentation.

7. **Old Business**

- a. **Conestoga Greenway kiosks:** Mr. LaSala indicated this item ties into the GPAB Greenway/Trail Initiative discussed under reports and actions.
- b. **Little Conestoga Watershed Association NFWF grant:** Mr. Ebel indicated a meeting took place on May 23rd, and facilitation is starting to get a direction. Mike Kyle of LASA heads up the implementation committee, and this group has the bulk of the work in the beginning.
- c. **Way-finding signage:** The group reviewed information relative to way-finding signage programs, including a memorandum provided by Kip Van Blarcom of the LCPC to Mr. LaSala. Comments were made regarding GIS data and coordinates of parks (specifically access points). A consensus was reached in general that GPAB should not be involved in a way-finding signage program or development, and has shelved the item for the time being.

8. **New Business**

- a. **LIMC Annual Dinner:** Ms. Brubaker indicated she attended the LIMC Annual Dinner, and indicated she has seen better attendance in the past. An awards program may help increase participation and attendance. Mr. LaSala indicated the Committee-of-the-Whole approved moving ahead with an awards program for future dinners. It is anticipated there will be 3-4 categories, and the awards would start at the 2013 Annual Dinner.
- b. **LCC presentation to the LIMC:** Mr. Ruckinger indicated Ralph Goodno would like to make a presentation to the LIMC regarding the status of the Urban Forest Center based on recommendations from individuals within the LIMC community. Mr. LaSala will confirm, but a presentation is tentatively scheduled for the August LIMC meeting.

Furthermore, a request was made to have LCC/LiveGreen provide a presentation to GPAB regarding the merger between the two organizations. Mr. LaSala will check with Fritz Schroeder on completing such a presentation.

9. Other Business

a. Matter of Record

- Mr. Neff moved, Mr. Everhart seconded the motion, and GPAB cancelled the July GPAB meeting.
- The next regular GPAB monthly meeting will be held Monday, August 6, 2012 at 3:30 pm at West Hempfield Township.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Teske at 4:40 PM.