

Conewago Township Parks & Recreation Board

Chairman Daniel Tredinnick • Vice-Chair Laurie Rochat
Secretary Ryan Little • Jane Janeczek • Sherry Weaver

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The Conewago Township Parks and Recreation Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2010. Those present were:

Parks and Recreation Board Members in Attendance

Dan Tredinnick – Chairperson
Laurie Rochat – Vice-Chairperson
Ryan Little – Secretary
Sherry Weaver – Member

Others in Attendance

Dr. Sherry Smith
Rick Martz
Ron Wise
Ken Atkins
Amy Atkins
Steve Mizak
Joel Buckley
John Rochat
Jay Brandt

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as submitted with two minor grammatical corrections.

Public Comment

Dr. Sherry Smith reviewed the current land development plan for the purposed construction at the Conewago Elementary School. In addition, she reviewed the proposed land swap agreement. The School District is interested in swapping approximately a five acre parcel of land adjacent to the existing baseball field located along Schoolhouse Road for an eight acre parcel of property owned by the district that extends from the wooded area behind the school to the area adjacent to the Township building. The five acre parcel of land that the District is interested in is part of the approximately 18 acres that the Township is in negotiations with the Hershey Trust to purchase. The district will be constructing athletic fields on this land.

Steve Mizak from the Lower Dauphin Soccer Association had favorable comments regarding the plan.

The Conewago Baseball Association representative Amy Atkins expressed concerns over the current drainage issues at the lower fields and also questioned the possibility of an additional t-ball field.

Dan Tredinnick questioned the possibility of constructing two baseball fields on the new parcel and moving the soccer field to the lower portion of the existing property.

Dr. Smith, Rick Martz and Ron Wise all indicated that they are open to these ideas but need approval on the land swap proposal before finalizing any plans.

Dr. Smith also report that if the land swap proposal is accepted by the Township the District will be able to include the construction of the athletic fields as part of the entire bid process. Thus, there should not be any impact on future soccer or baseball seasons.

The Board unanimously voted to recommend an acceptance of the land swap proposal to the Board of Supervisors.

Board Action and Discussion

Dan provided the Board with an update on the position of director for Camp Conewago. The prior director has declined the offer to continue as director for 2010. Dan will be in contact with Mr. Gnall regarding potential candidates as well as dates for the upcoming camp.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50pm

Ryan Little