

Conewago Township Parks & Recreation Board

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

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The Township Parks and Recreation Board held its regular monthly meeting at the Conewago Township Municipal Building at 7pm on Tuesday April 20, 2010.

Parks and Recreation Board Members in Attendance

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

Others in Attendance

Joel Buckley
Mary Beth Lavery
Kevin Lavery
Kenny Lavery

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comment

Kevin Lavery of Boy Scout Troup 74 approached the board regarding the possibility of him completing an Eagle Scout project at Danny Fisher field or possibly a nature trail in the adjacent wooded area. The wooded area in question is part of the land swap agreement with the Lower Dauphin School District. His Eagle Scout project needs to be completed by his eighteenth birthday or roughly within two and a half years. The project needs to include about one hundred hours of donated labor. Dan advised Kevin that the land swap/land development plan was still in the planning process but the Board would be in contact with him once things are finalized. Kevin's contact information is <deleted>

Board Action and Discussion

Joel Buckley advised the Board that the Conewago Elementary School subdivision plan has been approved by the Township Supervisors.

He also advised that the land purchase agreement with the Hershey Trust was signed in April and a \$50,000 deposit was made towards the purchase. This leaves roughly \$50,000 of fee-in-lieu of monies in the Park and Rec fund. The Pennsylvania Attorneys General's office has a ninety day period in which to review the proposed transaction.

Joel also advised the Board that DCNR has requested that both land appraisals be updated. The current land purchase is roughly 17 or 18 acres. It has been modified slightly due to the land swap agreement and also due to municipal expansion. This, accompanied with the real estate market, seems to be the reasoning for the request for updated appraisals by DCNR. Due to the reduction in the land size, the original value of the DCNR grant will most likely be reduced.

Joel Buckley also advised the Board that a change to the fee-in-lieu of ordinance was passed by the Supervisors. The restriction that the monies had to be used within a three mile radius of the development has been removed and the monies can now be used for a centralized park within the township boundaries.

The Board discussed at length the current placement of the baseball and soccer fields on the proposed land development plan which the School District has submitted to the Planning Commission for review. The Board agreed to have Dan contact the Conewago Baseball Association and obtain their input on the proposal plan. Dan will relay any concerns to both Joel Buckley who is meeting with the Superintendent of Schools on April 22nd and also to the Planning Commission who is meeting during the week of April 26th.

Dan Tredinnick provided the Board with an update on Camp Conewago. Unfortunately, efforts to secure a director for the 2010 camp have been unsuccessful. There remains a potential candidate from GEARS but his status will not be known until the end of May. Sherry Weaver is going to reach out to several colleagues and is possibly interesting in co-chairing with another educator. The Board will communicate via email over the next few weeks regarding this issue. If and when candidate(s) are found they will need to be presented to the Board of Supervisors at their May 12th meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20pm

Ryan Little

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