## Hamiltonban Township Recreation & Parks Commission

23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320 Regular Meeting Minutes May 13, 2009

**Members Present:** Chairman Pamela Wiehagen, Vice-Chairman Cathy Jo Lehmer, Juanita Larmer, and Secretary Doreen Premo.

**Others Present:** Police Coordinator/Supervisor Coleen Reamer and Betsy Kerlin from Land Conservancy of Adams County.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Chairman Wiehagen.

**Approval of Agenda:** Cathy Jo Lehmer made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Pam Wiehagen. The Agenda was unanimously accepted.

**Public Comment**: None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commission members reviewed the minutes for April 8, 2009. There were no corrections made, and Juanita Larmer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Pam Wiehagen. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Old Business:** The process of notifying residents in the BB Section off Iron Springs Road of the township's willingness to develop a neighborhood park on land owned by the township and deeded for passive recreation was discussed. We decided we needed to develop a survey to be mailed out to the residents including a sketch of a walking trail and other features we felt they would enjoy having in the park such as a sensory garden. We will emphasize the positive side of having this park in their neighborhood. We would follow up this survey with a visit to the homes to maximize input from a majority of the residents.

## **New Business:**

We invited Mrs. Kerlin to join our Commission, but she declined the offer as she is moving out of the area in the summer.

The Commission members discussed such specifics as to what to put in the survey, how we would prepare the physical survey, how we would involve the neighbors, any rules for usage of the park that would need to be established, how applying for grant money would also entail securing a community donation of matching funds that could be obtained by issuing a challenge to the community, and who would develop the park for the township. Mrs. Kerlin provided us with many thoughtful suggestions. Chairman Wiehagen offered to contact Tammy Jacoby at Mt. Joy Township asking her to send us a copy of their park survey.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Other:** Next RPC meeting is June 10, 2009 at 7:30 pm at 23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320.

**Adjourn:** Juanita Larmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Cathy Jo Lehmer seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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Doreen Premo, Secretary Hamiltonban Township Recreation and Parks Commission