Parks & Recreation Meeting (05/29/07)

Attendance: Pamela Wiehagen, Christa Wills, Doreen Premo, Cathy Jo Lehmer, Betty Clark, Coleen Reamer, Robert Gordon, Ellen Newlin.

Meeting opened at 7:30 pm (EST)

Coleen Reamer opened with introductions followed with review of the contact list of Commission members.

Each member received a copy of the ordinance creating the advisory Recreation Commission.

Elected officers are:

- Pamela Wiehagen Chairman
- Betty Clark Vice Chairman
- Ellen Newlin Secretary

New officers will be elected at the January 09, 2008 reorganization meeting.

Decision was made on meeting nights. Meetings will be held every second Wednesday of the month starting at 7:30 pm at the township office.

Special meetings can be held. We must advise the township secretary of such meetings. It was suggested that we might need to hold an extra meeting each month until September 2007 to get everything done by the deadlines.

LuAnn Dille is the township secretary. Her phone number is (717) 642-8509, email address is hamiltonban@embarqmail.com and website is www.hamiltonban.org

Other township meeting nights are as follows:

- Board workshop meeting: last Thursday of the month
- Supervisor meeting: first Tuesday of the month
- Planning Commission meeting: fourth Tuesday of the month

Recreation and Park Commission (RPC) has several resource books available. They are "Community Recreation & Parks", "Recreation/Park Board handbook", "Financial Management" book along with two CDs. The CDs are "Community Conservation Partnership Program: Grant Application Manual and Forms". These resources are available to any Commission member. Contact the township secretary for any of these resource materials.

Some funds for the parks will be given to us by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)

Mike Piaskowski, a DCNR representative said that DCNR gives a 50/50 match for park funding. We must start working on an application so that he can get it into the pipeline. Township currently has a 4.2 acre parcel on the Bullfrog Road behind Valley Quarries which houses the township maintenance shed. Valley Quarries would like to swap with the township a 10 acre parcel for the 4.2 acre parcel. The 10 acre parcel is on Bullfrog Road across from the Mountain View Golf Course. If this goes through, the township will build a new office and maintenance building on the 10 acre parcel.

The township is also considering leasing to own the 17 acre parcel (old Musselman farm) from Valley Quarries.

Township also has two lots (1 acre) in the BB Section on Rye Trail and is considering making a small neighborhood park on those lots. A well is already drilled there.

Rob Thaeler, Senior Planner from the Adams County Office of Planning & Development (ACOPD) advised Coleen that a short recreation plan is needed to get a Mandatory Dedication Ordinance.

Mandatory Dedication Ordinance is an ordinance to allow us to receive money from land developers.

Coleen will invite Rob Thaeler to come to our next meeting on June 13th to assist us with the mandatory dedication ordinance and to answer any questions that we might have.

To receive any grant money a Master Site plan must be in by September 2007.

The Scope of Work for the engineers for the master site plan is being done by Coleen.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.