

Hamiltonban Township, Adams County, PA

Recreation and Parks Commission (RPC)

Minutes of the December 12, 2012 Meeting

Attending: David Jones, Commission Chairman; Kris Feldmeyer, Commission member; Alan Patterson, Commission member; Coleen Reamer, minute recorder.

Public: None present

Guests : Chuck Reid, Executive Director of Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM by President David Jones. The membership requirement was reduced by ordinance by the Board of Supervisors at their September Board meeting from seven (7) members to five (members) for the Commission. Therefore the attendance of three (3) members constitutes a quorum for the purposes of voting.

The agenda was approved as presented. Commissioner Feldmeyer motioned and Commissioner Patterson seconded the approval of the minutes from October 12, 2012. The motion passed unanimously. There was no November meeting due to a lack of a quorum to conduct business.

Old Business:

Agenda Item B: The Commission members briefly discussed the Official Map. They sent the Map forward to the Board of Supervisors with suggested changes of language in two areas. ACOPD, Rob Thaeler agreed to “wordsmith” those changes. The Commission would like a copy of those changes before passage by the Board.

Agenda item A: The Middle Creek Trail Project was discussed with the input from Mr. Reid. Discussion topics were:

- Camp Eder and Strawberry Hill trail connection through Michaux. The group would like to solidify the “upper trail” portion consisting of these three partners and have decided to invite Mr. Roy Brubaker, DCNR to our January 9, 2013 meeting if he is available.
- The group will schedule a walk over proposed trail areas before the tree leaves return so that the area can be put to GPS. Mr. Reid has volunteered to GPS the path for the Commission.
- It is anticipated that once there is a definite path proposed, the group will then invite all participating land owners to a meeting.
- Discussion was held on the trail marking compatability with Camp Eder and Strawberry Hill, marking discs, and kiosks for trail hours and rules.

Treasurer’s Report: There was no report since there has been no account activity.

New Business:

A: The Commission approved the meeting date schedule for 2013.

B: The Commission Reorganized for 2013 by motion. Kris Feldmeyer motioned to keep the officers as they currently exist with a second from Alan Patterson. Motion unanimously passed. Those officers are:

- David Jones – Chairman
- Kris Feldmeyer – Vice Chairman
- Coleen Reamer – Recorder

C: A discussion was held surrounding the Glatfelter Homestead and what could be done to utilize the building without cost to Michaux and the Township. Mr. Feldmeyer suggested we contact the Potomac Trail Club. They do lodging along their trails and maintain them. This could serve as a connection point to our area and the Appalachian Trail or the Route 30 corridor. This would give them to open avenues to gain membership and avenues for HBT and our partners to open and maintain trails.

Chuck suggested we also contact John Regentin from the Gettysburg College Trail Club and the Mount Saint Mary's Trail Club. These clubs could help with the Middle Creek Trail maintenance.

Alan Patterson would like a presentation of the proposed trail at his Annual Retreat and Board meeting on either Friday, January 18 or Saturday January 19, 2013. All the members agreed to attend . Alan was tasked with getting a firm date and time.

Coleen will ask Debby to contact Theresa Scripture once more and Coleen will contact Mary Ann Ryan to see if they are willing to serve on the Commission.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30PM motioned by Kris Feldmeyer and seconded by Alan Patterson.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Township Office location.

Respectfully Submitted,

Coleen Reamer