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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 January 20, 2009.

Parks and Recreation Board Members in Attendance

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

Others in Attendance

Joel Buckley
Steven Slimak
David Slimak

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comment

Joel Buckley advised the Board that the Planning Commission is meeting next Monday to discuss the proposed zoning changes to the comprehensive plan. Of particular concern is the “mixed zone” being proposed for the area near Conewago Elementary School.

Dan Tredinnick entertained any motions from the board taking a stance on this matter. No motions on this issue were made.

Joel also reported that several concerns were raised during the last Supervisor’s meeting regarding the acceptance of the land grant, specifically over some of the terms of the grant. Those concerns involved:

- Agriculture restrictions – the park land would be taking from existing farm lands
- Maintenance – the land would have to be maintained (i.e. mowed) until the park was developed.
- Land Swap – the grant could impact the ability to develop/execute any land swap agreements.

Board Action and Discussion

Dan Tredinnick reported that discussions are still under way between the Township Supervisors and the Hershey Trust to determine a selling price for the purchase of the land for a community park. He indicated that once the property is obtained discussions can occur with neighboring properties for a potential land swap agreement in the hopes of connecting the new park land to the existing Danny Fisher Park.

The board continued their discussion regarding Camp Conewago. Three years of financial information was obtained from Robin Rowe, the current camp director. This data was reviewed and discussed among the board. The following motion was made by Jane Janeczek, second by Laurie Rochat and unanimously approved by the board:

Recommendation by the Board to the Township Supervisors that the camp be administered under the direction of the Parks and Rec board starting in 2009.

- *The hiring of a camp director will be done by the Township and this person will be under a township contract.*
- *The director will be responsible for the administration of all duties involving the camp including the development of a budget.*
- *The camp should be expense/profit neutral in that it should not benefit nor cost the Township any money above their agreed upon grant.*
- *The board also recommends that all persons involved in the camp have background checks conducted and that the township secure liability insurance to cover this event.*

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50pm

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