

Hamiltonban Township, Adams County, PA

Recreation and Parks Commission (RPC)

Minutes of the October 10, 2012 Meeting

Attending: David Jones, Commission Chairman; Kris Feldmyer, Commission member; Alan Patterson, Commission member; Coleen Reamer, minute recorder; Robert Thaeler, Adams County Office of Planning and Development

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 Feldmyer motioned and Commissioner Patterson seconded the approval of the minutes from July 11, 2012. The motion passed unanimously. There was no August meeting and the September meeting lacked a quorum to conduct business. Recorder Reamer has entered a synopsis of the discussion during that meeting into the record for future reference.

There was no public in attendance so no comment was received.

Old Business: Discussion ensued on the presentation of the Official Map by Mr. Thaeler. Commissioner Feldmyer had several questions on the wording in Section 400 regarding “street or public ground”. Mr. Thaeler will address that language and send a correction for the members to review. Also raised was the question of Section 500 ‘s requirement for a permit or document to support it. Mr. Thaeler believes that the Township would have to address that issue and will assist in the permit/document creation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Feldmyer to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to initiate the Official Map Ordinance 2012-07 adoption with the two discussed changes at their December Board meeting. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Feldmyer asked where the Commission stood on its progress with land owners for the Middle Creek proposed hiking trail. Ms. Reamer gave a brief update on her conversations with the land owners with only one land owner yet to connect along the proposed “general” area of trail location.

Mr. Patterson expressed that the Camp Eder/Strawberry Hill connector trail has already been established. Discussion was held about our contact with Mr. Brubaker from DCNR on acceptance of that connector. Lengthy discussion was held on how to move forward. It was decided check the CSX site for content on crossings; ACOPD will soon have GPS capability for trail coordinating but they are unsure when that would happen. Coleen will check with a resident to ask if he would have an interest in helping with GPS coordinating. We will request that Debby Feiler contact Strawberry Hill and ask Chuck Reid to attend the November meeting

for trail discussion. Then we would like to set a time for the commission members to all walk the proposed area to see what obstacles could be encountered.

Alan Patterson would like other commission members to bring the trail proposal to his January 18,19,20, 2013 Camp Eder Board Retreat. There ended the trail discussion for this meeting.

Alan Patterson motioned to accept the resignation of Mary Sanders from the Commission with a second from Kris Feldmyer. The motion passed unanimously.

Township Secretary Debby Feiler asked for information for a teacher's mailing at the school district with no success. Mr. Feldmyer asked Coleen to contact Mr. Bill Chain to see what path could be taken to get the school's assistance in recruiting members for the RPC.

Treasurer's Report: None

New Business: Motion by Alan Patterson to amend Article 302 of Section III-Membership of the RPC By-Laws by reducing the number of members from seven (7) to five (5) as stated in Ordinance 2012-05 that was adopted by the Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors at their Board meeting on September 7, 2012. Second by Kris Feldmyer. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to have Coleen Reamer serve as the RPC Secretary until the Commission secures full membership made by Kris Feldmyer, second by Alan Patterson, approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. Motion by commissioner Feldmyer, second by Commissioner Patterson, approved by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting Date: November 14, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Reamer