

Hamiltonban Township, Adams County, PA

Recreation and Parks Commission (RPC)

Minutes of the January 9, 2013 Meeting

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

Invited guests: Roy Brubaker, DCNR District Forester; Chuck Reid, ED Strawberry Hill; Adam McClain, ACCD Water Specialist, Robert Gordon HBT Chairman

Public: Thomas and Arthur Olesky; Theresa Scripture

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President David Jones.
2. **Agenda Approval:** The agenda was approved as presented.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Feldmeyer motioned and Commissioner Patterson seconded the approval of the minutes from December 12, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Public Comment:** None – Coleen introduced Theresa Scripture to the Commission and relayed her desire to possibly become a commission member. She was attending to get a feel for the types of recreation that the commission has been working on. Theresa commented that she thought the idea of having a trail system in the Township was very exciting. Coleen asked her to please contact Debby if her visit has convinced her to join the group.
5. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Official Map** – The date of the hearing is scheduled for January 31, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Township Office with the adoption by the Board at the February 5, 2013 Business meeting at 7:00 PM at the Township Office, 23 Carrolls tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** None
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Middle Creek Trail Project – DCNR Roy Brubaker:** Mr. Brubaker brought everyone up to date on his discussions with the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC) regarding their interest in a spur trail from the AT to the Glatfelter homestead (cabin) and on northward back to the AT. The PATC is interested. DCNR will have to reinstall electricity and repair the roof on the addition to prevent any further weather damage until Spring when we will know more about when PATC may take possession of the cabin. Peter Brown of PATC will discuss the potential with his Board at their January meeting. We do not expect any more contact from PATC until after their late January meeting. The discussion also covered the possibility of the trail being a multi-use trail for mountain bikes, hikers and horses. If all works out with PATC DCNR will now proceed with their Historical review of the cabin and it will be placed on their inventory as a permanent structure.
 - B. **Michaux/Camp Eder (CE) to Strawberry Hill (SH) portion of the Middle Creek Trail with Hamiltonban Township (HBT):** The group had an extensive discussion on identifying a permanent trail between the two camps as part of the HBT trail connector to Fairfield. Roy will provide us with the

DCNR Administrative Trail Map so that the trail group can “layout” a proposed trail connection and GPS that trail section. Roy will also then set up a meeting with Michelle and Neal at their Route 30 District Office to discuss the trail options. Point of contact for Roy will be Coleen.

C. Michaux Access Points: The gated bridge culvert access to the Forest located just below SH was discussed. Michaux will be taking out that Bridge and may request a letter of support to do so from the BOS. The bridge has been a long-time problem during storms and the District also feels it is in disrepair. Other timbering access points were discussed. The Administrative Trail Map, when completed, will help show the access points that are most desirable for future timbering. Chuck Reid also noted the DCNR R-O-W located on the SH property and approached DCNR and the Township with the possibility of partnering to improve that access point with a trailhead grant through the 2013 April Grant round. It was noted by all the Commission members and those in attendance that there is no desire to open the Forest to too much access and especially not ATV or vehicle access.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Motion by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Feldmeyer, approved by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting Date: February 13, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Reamer