

**EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
September 23, 2015**

The East Lampeter Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at the Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. Board members present were: Conrad Kasperson, John Lamparter, Jim Everhart, Chris Chretien and Diane Tyson. Also present was Charlie Thomas, Public Works Director. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The following people were present in the audience:

David Butterworth, Major League Cycling Inc.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Everhart to approve the August 26, 2015 minutes. Mr. Lamparter seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Grounds, Buildings & Trails:

About 20 Millersville students cleaned out the buildings at the new park at 2557 Old Philadelphia Pike. They made a significant dent in the trash cleanup by filling 90 percent of a huge dumpster. The buildings will be demolished this winter.

The Conservation District has about 50 trees and 20 shrubs to replace lost trees in the Flory buffer. Any trees/shrubs left over will be planted on the west side.

Old Business:

Suggestions for a new name for the park were discussed. Both the Gibbons and Nolt's names were brought up. The Board will decide in October. Finalists are Gibbons Park, Nolt's Mill Park or Gibbon's park at Nolt's Mill.

The Board (except Mr. Chretien) visited the site for a proposed off road mountain bike trail on September 22. Mr. Kasperson voiced his opposition to the proposal. He does not think it fits with the mission of the park. Mr. Lamparter agreed but would like further discussion. Ms. Tyson thought the idea had merit for further discussion as it provides active recreation and would be accessible to the public. The area would not be developed for at least 5 years or longer. She suggests a year trial to see how it goes. Public/private partnerships can enhance development of the Township parks. Mr.

Everhart agreed that the proposal has merit for further discussion. Issues to be discussed include: land development plans-would it be required, insurance-liability issues, amendments to the current park ordinances would be required, on-going maintenance-who would be responsible, are there similar venues in the area and are they public, and the time table for the project.

The suggestion was made to continue the discussion at next month's meeting. Mr. Thomas will talk with the Stormwater Management Coordinator.

New Business:

Mr. Everhart and Ms. Tyson will serve on the Heritage Trail Steering Committee. Mr. Everhart will attend the consultant selection meeting.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tyson
Secretary