

Manheim Township Parks & Recreation Board

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

**May 3, 2005**

I. The regular meeting of the Manheim Township Parks and Recreation Board was held in the Board Room of the Stauffer Mansion on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Chairman Bohan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In addition to Chairman Bohan, board members present included Adams, Gard, Keene, Laubach and Miller. Guests included: Philip and Carol Wolgemuth, daughter Kate, and Doug Plank, ELA Group Traffic Engineer.

II. **Review and Approval of April 5, 2005 Minutes** - Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the April 5, 2005 Minutes as written. This motion was seconded by Mr. Keene and Mr. Gard.

III. **Treasurer's Report** - Mr. Miller reported that all accounts are in order. Mr. Miller questioned attendance awards accounts, stating that most listed are at 100% of amount budgeted. Director Lovelette explained that these have been awarded for the year. Mr. Miller also commented that in looking at the reports (for 25% of year), most accounts are listed at 25% (or less) of budgeted amounts.

IV. **Committee Reports:**

Facilities Committee - Mr. Keene announced that an e-mail will be sent out as a reminder for "Park Review" (suggestions for improvement, etc.). Mr. Keene stated that he would make himself available to set up these reviews. The first two parks to visit are Stoner and Perelman.

Personnel Committee - Mr. Gard had no report.

Program Committee - Mr. Miller had no report. A meeting was scheduled and had to be postponed. Another meeting will be scheduled.

Public Relations Committee - No report.

Finance Committee - No further report.

To accommodate guests present, meeting was forwarded to **VI. New Business**.

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Phil Wolgemuth Presentation - Mr. Wolgemuth explained that his residence is located at 2419 Lititz Pike (on the curve just beyond the Neffsville Mennonite Church at the crest of the hill). Mr. Wolgemuth further explained that he and his family have lived at this residence since 1999. Tonight's presentation is to ask for the Parks & Recreation Board's recommendation (to the Commissioners) to enable his family to get their ingress/egress traffic off of Lititz Pike (to gain permission to acquire access from Landis Woods Park ~ off of Meadow Lane). Mr. Wolgemuth thanked the Board for allowing him to speak about this issue. At this time, Mr. Wolgemuth distributed presentation material (photographs, accident report/news articles, etc.). Mr. Wolgemuth stated that there have been eight (8) major accidents on this curve as are detailed in material. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has tried various ways to make this part of the road safer to travel (larger chevrons, guide rails, etc.). Mr. Wolgemuth would like to be allowed to construct an access drive between the Wolgemuth property and park property. All the cost associated for this access drive would be placed on the Wolgemuth's (not the Township). Mr. Wolgemuth stated that the access drive would not be located in a part of the park that is heavily used. Doug Plank, ELA Traffic Engineer, explained that another that was addressed by Mr. Wolgemuth is the safe stopping sight distance. The horizontal and vertical curves of the road make this issue critical, Mr. Plank explained. Mr. Plank further explained that Penn Dot has repeatedly tried to make this curve safe. Guiderrails were put in but then taken down. Large chevrons were put in and also a flashing light. If driveways from the curve were removed, Mr. Plank explained that possibly Penn Dot would come in and put in some super elevation to alleviate the road problem.

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**VI. New Business**

Phil Wolgemuth Presentation (Cont'd.) - Mrs. Wolgumuth described the latest accident on their property on a morning during the week, where minutes earlier her son had just gotten on the bus. If he would have been standing there during the accident, he would have been hit by the car in the accident. Mr. Adams asked Mr. Wolgumuth if he sees a benefit to the park in any way. Mr. Wolgumuth stated that he sees it as a benefit to the community. Mr. Adams made the motion that the "Commissioners be advised that from a Parks and Recreation perspective, that this would be a significant benefit to Township safety and deserves further consideration". Mr. Gard stated that additional language should be added to the motion. The Parks & Recreation Board is favorable to the proposal of an access road from 2419 Lititz Pike into Landis Woods subject to the Township technical and legal review and the ceasing of use of the present use of present driveways from 2419 Lititz Pike. This motion was seconded by Mr. Miller.

Correspondence - Enclosed.

**V. Old Business**

*Comprehensive Plan Status Update:*

Overlook Community Foundation Report - Director Lovelette reported that there were no meeting minutes as there was no quorum. Director Lovelette stated that many e-mails have been received regarding the Dog Park. As of yesterday, the location of the proposed Dog Park has been moved. Director Lovelette reported that the Board is scheduled to meet at Reese, Lower, Patrick & Scott from 12 to 1 p.m. 5/4/05, not as a Focus Group but their input is needed. The Advisory Committee went on a bus tour of three (3) Community Centers: Lower Paxton Friendship Community in Harrisburg, Greater Plymouth Community Center and River Winds Community Center located in West Deptford., New Jersey. A public presentation is scheduled at the Activities Center on Thursday, May 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. Director Lovelette urged all to be there. In addition, there is another Community Center field trip scheduled for May 18. This one will travel to Ohio. Director Lovelette distributed a list of the Advisory Committee members. Director Lovelette reported that the roadways and trails will be paved by the end of the month and also that the siding has started to be removed from the barn in order for the contractor's to come in and begin renovation.

Overlook Falls Report - Director Lovelette reported that Overlook Falls Mini-Golf is open, but unfortunately, the first two opening weekends were rainy. Director Lovelette reported on the goose problem at the course.

June 11 Flag Day Event - Director Lovelette stated that volunteers are needed for this event. He briefly explained the events planned for the day.

Other - Director Lovelette reported on a change in regulation for this year that has been instituted by the Department of Health that will affect our concession operations. Concession operators cooking (french fries, grills) must be 16 years of age. Director Lovelette explained that most of our summer concession operators are 14 and 15 years old. Director Lovelette also reported on vandalism that is occurring at Stoner Park Restrooms. Installation of a video camera is being considered. We are working with the police department on this issue.

**VII. Commissioner's Report** - Due to Mr. Downing's absence, there was no report.

**VIII. School Board Report** - Mr. Adams reported that a Retiree's Dinner was held at Armstrong Manor. Mr. Adams also reported on the monthly cafeteria usage that is tracked throughout the school year. The average monthly usage is usually between 70% to 80%. Mr. Adams also reported on additional classes that will be offered for next school year, disciplinary hearings and Act 72 legislation.

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- IX. **Museum Board Report** – Mr. Keene reported on assorted programs that were or will be held at the Boettcher House.
- X. **Director's Report** - Enclosed.
- XI. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m., with a motion made by Mr. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorri A. Haney