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The Conewago Township Parks and Recreation Board held their regular monthly meeting at the Conewago Township Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 17, 2007.

Parks and Recreation Board Members Attendance

Jason Parmer - Chairperson	present
Sherry Weaver – Vice Chairperson	present
Stephanie Ebersole – Secretary	absent
Laurie Rochat – Member	absent
Jane Janeczek – Member	present

Others in Attendance

Lauren Zumbrun, RETTEW

OLD BUSINESS

- *Newsletter* – Jason indicated that the goal is to have the newsletter out in October per Norm Miller. This will allow for inclusion of the Spring activities and sports schedules
- *Update on Land Acquisition Process* – Jason indicated that Chairman John Rochat has been negotiating with Milton Hershey School regarding the sewer project, to which they are expected to contribute. Consequently, he would like to wait to approach the school regarding a possible land lease/acquisition of their land adjacent to the Municipal Building. Lauren added that DCNR will accept applications for property that is under a long-term lease by the applicant; usually they require a minimum land lease of 25 years at terms acceptable to DCNR, if they are to provide 50/50 matching grants for master site planning and development. The applicant may also apply for funds to acquire the property, i.e. the applicant would be purchasing the lands and a long-term lease situation would not apply.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Site Plan for Danny Fisher Park* – At this point in time, the supervisors deem it unlikely that the park will be impacted by expansion of the municipal building and more likely that the current structure will be expanded. Regardless, there was consensus among members that until the pumping station is placed (by June 2008) and relocation of recycling containers is finalized, we will not be able to work effectively with RETTEW's Landscape Architect to place picnic tables, benches, grill or decide upon site landscaping. We expect to receive \$5,000 in grant monies by October. Lauren added that after conversation with Chairpersons John Rochat and Jason Parmer, it was suggested that if the surrounding property owners are not interested in leasing/selling all or portions of the tracts contiguous to the Danny Fisher Park to the Township, we may want to save the monies received as fees in lieu of land dedication per the Conewago Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, and apply them to an alternative land acquisition.

- *Hershey Free Church Park Agreement* – Due to current zoning ordinances, there has been some discussion between the Township and Hershey Free Church as to how to develop the church's land located next to Route 743. Zoning restrictions require that either the land be used strictly by church membership (and a church building needs to be located on the land for this to apply) or that if no church will be on the land, at least partial public access needs to be allowed. Negotiations are continuing and there has been no final resolution. However, all present members of the Parks and Rec Board agreed that public access, even if it is partial, would be desirable.

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, August 21, 2007