

## PARK AND RECREATION MEETING

January 22, 2007

7:30 PM

Chairman Ed Rand called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Manor Township Municipal Building, 950 West Fairway Drive, Lancaster, PA. He led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken.

Members present: Ed Rand, Elizabeth Leaman, Karla Vinson, Paul Miller and Brandon Danz.

Members absent: Jeff Roth and Bob McGaw.

Visitors: L.Allen Kreider and Mike Vinson.

Paul Miller made a motion to approve the November 2006 minutes. Karla Vinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### Organization

Chairman - Paul Miller made a motion to re-elect Ed Rand as Chairman of the Board. Brandon Danz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman - Ed Rand made a motion to elect Paul Miller as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Brandon Danz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Secretary - Elizabeth Leaman made a motion to re-elect Brandon Danz as Secretary of the Board. Karla Vinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### Business From the Floor

There was no business from the floor.

### Old Business

Bill Laudien stated that they have actively begun working on the Open Space Plan. He noted the preliminary work is completed. He stated they are working on the formula for the ratio of developed land to open space and hope to have it completed soon. Bill stated that he would like this Board to consider being the Steering Committee for this Park and Open Space project, explaining that they are under no obligation to do so. He noted they would hold the regularly scheduled Park and Recreation Meetings, then adjourn and hold the Steering Committee meeting after, estimating they would stay another hour to hour and a half for that meeting. He stated he would like to start in March and hopefully have the project completed by the end of the year. After some discussion, all members present agreed they would like to be part of the Steering Committee. Bill stated since the Board is in agreement, he will schedule the Open Space meetings along with the same schedule as the Park and Recreation meetings, being the fourth Monday of every other month.

### New Business

Facilities Update. Bill stated that the walking path from the parking lot to the pavilion in Woods Edge Park has been completed. He also noted that the township is working on the walking path for Springdale Farms that will run from West Charlotte Street back to the park area. He stated the two property owners whose property will be affected have been contacted. One

homeowner was not aware of the right of way for the path. He noted that both homeowners have requested screening of some type. The path will be macadam; it will be five feet wide, taking two and a half feet from each property owner. He stated that the area is an established right of way and it has been maintained by mowing until this time. It is a community access area to the open space for Springdale Farms.

Brandon Danz asked Bill if he has had any further consideration to the local businesses sponsoring advertising at the ball fields in the parks. Bill stated he has not.

Ed Rand asked if there are any new organizations requesting the use of the ball fields at the parks. Bill stated no.

There being no further business, Paul Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Brandon Danz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Danz  
Secretary

Recording secretary  
Rita J. Young

## Park and Recreation Meeting

March 26, 2007

7:30 PM

Chairman Ed Rand called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Manor Township Municipal Building, 950 West Fairway Drive, Lancaster, PA. He led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken.

Members present: Ed Rand, Brandon Danz, Elizabeth Leaman, Paul Miller and Karla Vinson.

Members absent: Jeff Roth and Bob McGaw.

Visitors present: See attached.

Minutes – Paul Miller made a motion to approve the January 22, 2007 minutes as presented. Elizabeth Leaman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### Old Business

Mr. Rand asked if there was any information about the plaques that were going to be presented to two members of the Board that had served for a number of years and are leaving or have left. Mr. Laudien stated that he plans to discuss it at a later time.

### New Business

Park and Open Space Plan - David Miller/Associates, Inc. were present to explain the process they hope to use to develop the Park and Open Space Plan and to receive information from Board members on how they would like some of the study to be conducted. Those representing DM/Associates were Sandy Kime, Steve Dell and Scott Hain. They presented a map showing the existing facilities in the Township and talked about what all the Board might want listed on a map. Mr. Dell asked if the Board wanted existing churches listed, the school facilities or any other recreational areas besides the ones owned by the Township. He noted properties owned by Safe Harbor and the railroad, Norfolk Southern.

Mr. Laudien stated that we could list the school facilities but at the present time, we have no access to the facilities because they are being used by school activities.

Mr. Kime asked about the conservancy properties. Mr. Laudien stated that the conservancy is in the process of acquiring more land and that this is passive land for walking paths but not structured sports.

Mr. Miller felt all this should be included so people know that it exists. The Board and representatives from DM/A agreed they could be listed, but noted that if all parks and facilities are listed, they also need to be designated which facilities are available to the Township and the residents for use because it could give a false sense of what park land and facilities are able to be utilized by residents.

Mr. Dell went over information that is presently on the Park Ownership Map. He noted that it includes Township parks and facilities, the Penn Manor School District, the Conservancy land, Safe Harbor Water Power Co. and the PA Fish & Boat Commission area. He noted that churches are not listed. After some discussion, the Board felt churches should be listed. They discussed what was included in the 1990 Park and Open Space Study and what they might do differently this time. They discussed a public swimming pool and the possibility of mailing a survey.

Mr. Kreider noted that the Township is in the process of adopting a Sub-Division and Land Ordinance and this will give the Township more available parkland or money in lieu of land when an area is being developed.

Mr. Dell discussed the Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority's land and the Susquehanna River access points. Mr. Laudien stated there are four access points to the Susquehanna River but only two are available for public use. Brandon questioned if it would be possible to develop more access points along the river. It was noted that Norfolk Southern does not allow the public to cross the tracks anywhere else. Bill noted that we recently received a grant for a floating dock to be constructed at the Blue Rock Road access but the ground where the parking area is located is owned by LASA.

They discussed land owned by Safe Harbor and the park areas that they have available to the public. The Board discussed the Lo Grade railway along the Susquehanna, currently owned by Norfolk Southern. It was noted that the Township could purchase it but it includes a large railroad bridge that is in need of repairs. It would be a six-mile stretch that could be added to the Rails to Trails program.

After some discussion, the Board decided they would each review the 1990 Park and Open Space Study, make a list of questions they would like to see added to this, then forward their ideas to Bill. They discussed having a survey and having a phone panel make calls to residents to ask structured questions.

Mr. Hain stated that he would like to develop a time line as to what expectations should be met and questioned when the first public meeting might be held. Mr. Kime added that they would need to have time frames and final goals and an objective plan developed so it could be presented at a public meeting. It was noted that they would like a list of key people to interview also.

Mr. Laudien noted that he will be expecting information from the Board that would include their ideas and input, key people to interview, what questions might be included in those interviews and the method of survey they would like to see included. He noted that he will advertise for a public meeting.

Mr. Dell asked what should be included and listed on the map for the new study. It was noted that the Rails for Trails areas should be listed, schools, churches, golf courses and numerous private open space areas that are in the developments. Also the conservancy land and the continuous greenways should be included. It was noted that the survey should ask for a response to having a building for recreation and if there is any support for a pool.

Mr. Laudien stated that he would like to know an opinion of the Board on an issue that has come up with the Springdale Farms Development. He explained that on the original Springdale Farms plan there were provisions for four access areas to the open space for that development. At the present time only two were developed. He noted that new homeowners were not told that their lot included an access along one side and now they do not want the access put in. They have come to the Supervisors and asked that they not macadam the walkway for an access, as was planned for this spring. Mr. Laudien stated that in his opinion the path is needed because the two existing ones are steep and the fourth one is not suitable to develop. After some discussion, the Board was in agreement that the walkway should go in. Mr. Kreider stated that he has talked to the new homeowner and they are ok with the walking path but they do not want macadam installed. He noted they would be acceptable to mulch or just keeping it mowed. Mr. Laudien stated the problem with mulch is that it would have to be constantly maintained and if it were just mowed, people would not know it was an access to the open space. He can appreciate the thoughts of the homeowner, but the fact is that the access easement was on the original plans and they should have been made aware of it when the lot was purchased. After some discussion, the Board was in agreement, that the access path, needs to be put in, to define that there is a path there. Mr. Kreider stated that the residents on both sides of the path are afraid that

people will walk their dogs there and not clean up after them. Bill noted that this is not an active park but a passive park area for the people that live in that development.

The Board decided that they would like to have another meeting before the next scheduled Park and Recreation meeting. After some discussion, it was decided they will hold a work session April 23, 2007 at 7:30 PM, at the Municipal Building.

Paul Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karla Vinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Danz  
Secretary

Recording secretary  
Rita J. Young

## Manor Township Park and Recreation Meeting

January 26, 2009

7:30 PM

Secretary Karla Vinson called the meeting to order at the Manor Township Municipal Building, 950 West Fairway Drive, Lancaster, PA. She led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken.

Members present: Kyle Ream, Elizabeth Leaman, Courtney Barry and Karla Vinson

Absent: Ed Rand and Brandon Danz.

Staff: Ryan Strohecker and Rita Young

Visitors: Mary Glazier, Pam Shellenberger, John Pecuch and Mary Ann Pecuch.

### Minutes

Elizabeth Leaman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Nov. 24, 2008 meeting as drafted. Courtney Barry seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### Business From the Floor

John Pecuch, 133 Joseph Road, stated that he and his wife are residents of Manor Township and was here tonight to request that the Board make an exception for use of a pavilion at the Manor Township Community Park during the Manor Township Summer Park Program for children. He stated that he applied for a permit for June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Hovis Pavilion and was told that the Hovis was used at that time for the park summer program for children. He explained that they did it last year actually because there was a mistake in scheduling, but it worked out fine. Mr. Pecuch requested that they move the program again this year to the back pavilion which would be empty so he can have his picnic in the Hovis Pavilion because he has elderly and handicapped people. The Board discussed the options and told Mr. Pecuch that they thought it would be ok to move the children to the back pavilion but would have to check with Staff. Courtney made a motion to approve the exception to move the park program for June 16<sup>th</sup>. Elizabeth seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Ms Vinson stated that she would call in at the office tomorrow and also call Mr. Smith to make sure that the change would be possible and that she would call Mr. Pecuch in the morning and let him know for sure. Mr. Pecuch thanked them for their consideration.

Brandon Danz arrived and apologized for being late and as Vice Chairman, took over the meeting at this time. He asked if there was any other business from the floor.

### Old Business

Manor Township Comprehensive Recreation and Open Space Plan 2008 Update Mr. Strohecker stated he was here tonight to discuss the Plan noting that he is familiar with the financial part of the plan since he is the financial director for the Township. He noted that Mr. Smith has been dealing with the other details. He stated that at this point the Manor Township Supervisors are prepared to adopt this Plan at the Monday night Supervisors Meeting. He noted there seems to be a rush to get this plan passed, and it is his understanding that it has been advertised and the Supervisors understand that there will probably be some amendments made as they move forward. Mr. Strohecker stated that passing the document should help receive grant money and with the economy the way it is, no one can be sure if the State will start freezing any monies that might be

available. He noted the amount of reimbursement they are expecting is about \$16,000. He added that Mr. Bauder did want this passed as soon as possible.

Mary Glazier, Manor Township Planning Commission, stated she was here tonight to discuss the concerns with the Plan that the Manor Township Planning Commission has. She stated that she and Pam Shellenberger, also a member of the MTPC do not feel that the Plan meets the goals it states. Ms Glazier noted that the MTPC had concerns about the Plan and had a list of comments that was to be shared with this Board for discussion tonight. Ms Glazier stated that at the last PC meeting she had made a motion that the Boards comments and concerns be sent to the Park and Recreation Board. She noted that she had made the recommendation that Staff send the comments to this Board so they could have discussions tonight at this meeting, and asked if the Board has received anything. They stated they did not receive anything except the minutes. Ms Glazier stated that most comments were in the minutes. Pam Shellenberger, MTPC, stated that a lot of the comments to clean up the document were typo errors and clarification statements. She noted that her thoughts are that the document itself does not meet the goals that are set forth in the beginning of the plan. She especially thought that DCNR often has very specific guidelines and she stated that in her opinion this document does not come close to meeting DCNR requirements. She felt the implementation plan is missing from the document and there is nothing to define the fee in lieu of or dedication of park land when developers are submitting plans. She felt the plan had no planning for the future. Ms Glazier stated there will be changes for Manor Township in the near future with a considerable addition of open space in the Creswell/Highville area as the Waste Authority begins to convert the current Star Rock Farms into passive recreation space. She noted after that the Creswell Park will probably no longer exist as it is at this time. She questioned if the consultant knew of this 100 acres when the plan was drafted and noted a serious lack of things for the middle school age population.

Brandon stated that he regrets that the Board did not receive any information from the MTPC and they are not able to discuss this issue much tonight. Ms Glazier stated a lot of this should be in the minutes from the meetings. Ms Glazier asked the Board if they had received any information that the MTPC was going to be here tonight to discuss this. Ms Leaman stated that they did not receive any information. Ms Glazier stated the Mr. Haverstick, Chairman of the PC told them that he had set this up and asked her and Pam to come tonight for this discussion.

The Park Board stated they were in favor of meeting with some of the PC and discussing some of the missing pieces for this plan. Ms Glazier stated that even if it is adopted on Monday night, the Supervisors may not have in this document what they think they do and there will probably be revisions that need to be made. She asked the Board if they had formally recommended approval of this plan to the Supervisors. After some discussion, it was stated that the Board had never formally recommended it.

Mr. Strohecker stated that these concerns are good but he is hopeful that the concerns can be compiled and worked on after this plan is adopted. He noted that he has been in close contact with DCNR and he feels when this document is passed, the Township will receive the money but the thing holding that up is the adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

Courtney expressed concerns with the surveys, but felt that this document can easily be refined.

Ms Glazier read from the Nov. minutes of the Park and Recreation Board where Mr. Smith told the Board they did not have to rush with this because the document was currently before the MTPC for review and comments in their December meeting. He had also stated that the Supervisors were anxious to get this document adopted.

Elizabeth Leaman went over the serious of events where Mr. Laudien left the Township and the consultant that was working on this was laid off and stated that it was unfortunate that with all that

happening, there was no follow up. Ms Glazier noted that Christine Brubaker was at the November Park and Recreation Meeting and had offered to go over the plan with the Board. Courtney asked if this Board could meet with the PC to discuss the open space plan. Ms Glazier stated she would like them to do that.

After some discussion Karla Vinson made a motion to recommend, to the Manor Township Board of Supervisors, the adoption of the Manor Township Comprehensive Recreation and Open Space Plan, 2008 Update. Kyle Ream seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board discussed setting up a time for discussion on the plan between the two Boards. They collected emails to be able to contact them with information and stated they will try to set up a sub committee through Mr. Ott at the Township office. Karla asked Mr. Strohecker if this document was adopted, would it be good enough to go forward with the State. Mr. Strohecker stated yes, it has already been reviewed by DCNR and does include the points that they are looking for.

Mr. Danz asked if there was any other business. Mr. Strohecker stated that in Bill Audiens absence, he will be planning the Turkey Hill Country Classic. He went over the event and noted he will be making little change. He asked the Board for their help in any area they can give him help. They agreed they would like to help and Mr. Strohecker stated the date will be May 2, 2008.

There being no further business, Courtney Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Kyle Ream seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Vinson  
Secretary

Recording secretary  
Rita J. Young

## Park and Recreation Meeting

Monday, September 24, 2007

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Chairman Ed Rand called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Manor Township Municipal Building, 950 W. Fairway Drive, Lancaster, PA. He led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call was taken.

Members Present: Ed Rand, Paul Miller, Karla Vinson and Elizabeth Leaman.  
Members Absent: Bob McGaw and Brandon Danz  
Visitors Present: Steve Dell & Stephen Kruick from David Miller Associates  
Christine Brubaker

### Minutes

Ms. Leaman made a motion to approve the May minutes. Ms. Vinson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### Business From the Floor

There was no business from the floor.

### Old Business

Bill Laudien indicated that the survey results were distributed to the Board Members. There were 95 returned surveys when he started compiling the results and he had 9 or 10 more in the office that will be added to the list. Bill Laudien stated there seem to be good response from across the Township. It is fairly evenly distributed among the voting districts. The age of the majority of people who responded were older than 40. There was a substantial number of 60 year old and over. Mr. Laudien advised he should have a more comprehensive list of all responses by the next meeting. Mr. Laudien briefly went over the survey results for the Board. Mr. Laudien stated he was surprised that of all the facilities people use the number one facility the people utilize are walking paths. The Park and Recreation Board is sometimes criticized for emphasis on passive recreation. Mr. Laudien stated 83 people responded that they utilize the walking paths and that was double the number who indicated they use the playground facilities. Mr. Laudien stated he was really surprised by the write in comments for additional programs that indicated 55 out of 95 respondents would like to see concerts or movies in the park.

Paul Miller stated he wanted to pass on favorable comments he received regarding the boating dock that was installed by the Township. Mr. Laudien stated the Township received a grant for the dock and when the dock arrived the road crew installed the dock and paved the launch itself.

Christine Brubaker asked Mr. Laudien if there were comparisons made in the survey with the one that was done ten years ago. Mr. Laudien stated they have just started receiving the data back. They do intend to compare the data. Ms. Brubaker feels the response of this survey needs to be evaluated based on the changing demographics within the township including the demographics of age, housing, and acreage.

Steve Dell from David Miller Associates stated packets of the draft report of the work done to date have been distributed to the Board. Mr. Dell stated they did a park

survey by going into the parks and interviewed individuals using the park as a supplement to the questionnaire that went out. Some of the comments made were, individuals would like evening lighting of the parking lots and pavilions, concerts, senior activities, more climbing equipment, pool, and skate board park were some of the items mentioned in their survey. According to the survey, there are many residents who participate in recreation activities outside the Township. Regarding funding, the answers were anything but taxes. Since the last meeting, Mr. Dell stated they have started interviews with key people who have been identified by Mr. Laudien such as John Ahlfeld from the Planning Commission, the representatives from the baseball associations, but must finalize a date with the soccer individuals. Later this week Mr. Dell will be meeting with the County and their Recreation Staff and the Penn Manor School District. Christine Brubaker was another person on the list to be interviewed. Mr. Dell stated the Township is in pretty good shape in regards to land for different types of parks such as regional, community, neighborhood, and tot lots. One of the directions they would be moving in is connecting some of that land through linear parks.

Ms. Brubaker indicated the Conestoga Country Club is listed as a regional park and she questions that listing. She does not feel a closed membership piece of land should be classified as a regional park. Mr. Laudien stated for their parkland dedication requirement they had a strict interpretation of those facilities that Manor Township owns and controls. For an inventory of regional recreation facilities, they included some things like golf courses but they also included preserved parkland or open space such as the Turkey Hill Trail that the Conservancy owns. Mr. Laudien stated their main emphasis and focus has been those facilities that Manor Township owns and controls and will own and control in the future.

Mr. Dell reviewed the maps. There was a map indicating the natural features identifying the floodplain, high quality watersheds, areas the State has identified as natural diversity inventory locations including the islands on the Susquehanna River. This mirrors the 1990 report so in the text there is information regarding any changes that may have occurred. The 1990 report did not have the 1990 census data available so at this point they have the 1990 and the 2000 census available and projections from the County for 2005, 2010, 2020 and 2030. Mr. Dell reviewed the maps for the Existing Land Use; Information on the Zoning; Map of Future Land Use taken from the LIMC report indicating growth boundary areas; and Service Area for the Various Township Parks.

Ms. Brubaker commented on changes that have occurred with the Fish and Game Commission regarding the boat launch sites and that blue ways are being inventoried and records kept at the national level and state level. Ms. Brubaker indicated that boat access points are a deficient along all the waterways in the Penn Manor School District. Ms. Brubaker stated she investigated the Frontier Village Park on Hershey Mill Road located between Hershey Mill Road and Mountville in a high-density area. Ms. Brubaker stated she toured the park and the family that owns the facility maintains a ball field and a climbing apparatus for children. Ms. Brubaker had questions on the Daniel's Community Park she passed on Charlestown Road as to who owns the park and will it be open to the community? Mr. Laudien stated it will be a church park but will be opened up to the community and will have a number of ball fields, soccer fields and an extensive playground that will be fully handicapped accessible.

Ms. Brubaker also expressed concern regarding the safety of the bike and walking paths put in by developers.

Mr. Rand asked Mr. Laudien if the bike paths are considered part of the builder's dedication or something the developer does on his own? Mr. Laudien stated it varies. In some instances land is dedicated to the Township for the development of facilities and in other cases those paths were put in above and beyond the developer's requirement. Mr. Rand asked if there are standards for the paths? Mr. Laudien stated there are standards for the facilities the Township owns and controls. There are standards for sidewalks, roadways, stormwater conveyance but it depends upon the nature of the path. There are high standards for the facilities that the Township controls.

Mr. Laudien stated he has about 12-15 people who indicated on the survey that they would be willing to conduct a phone interview if there are additional questions. The next process for the Board is to go through this document individually and come back together in a work session and work with any of the information regarding mapping or demographic information there is concerns with and go through as a group and find any changes or concerns and compile them and turn them back to Mr. Dell for any that need addressed, change or get further feedback. From that, they would take the survey information and decide what additional information and what additional questions they may want to ask of the remaining key person interviews and the phone interviews left to conduct. Mr. Laudien advised at this point they have a lot of raw data and need to evaluate what is good and bad data and what to do with it from this point forward.

Mr. Laudien stated he feels there needs to be a work session between now and the next scheduled meeting independent of Mr. Dell to go over the draft and the survey questions and come up with comments and questions. The date for the work session was set for Monday, October 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Laudien advised the Supervisors also have a draft copy and he hopes to get feedback from them.

Ms. Brubaker stated with the high-density development taking place driving habits need to change to accommodate people interested in fitness. She recommends an educational program for driving in congested situations that are occurring. She suggested this could be accomplished through the newsletter. Ms. Brubaker stated she would also like to hear from Mr. Dell what he has begun to think about in terms of open space planning in particular with regard to byways that is a County process now in effect.

Mr. Rand had questions on scenic byways and asked what that would mean with regards to speed limits, etc. Ms. Brubaker stated it might not mean anything except on paper. It may make the Planning Commission or the Zoning Board question any changes they would be looking along the roads. Ms. Brubaker reviewed a brief history of Manor Township.

Ms. Brubaker stated there is a deficit and weakness of all waterways with regards to public lock access, deficit in riding and walking paths, and she would like the low grad and river hill hiking trail possibilities promoted.

Mr. Rand stated there would be a work session on Monday, October 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Vinson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Rineer  
Recording Secretary



## Park and Recreation Meeting

November 26, 2007

7:30 PM

Chairman Edward Rand called to meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Manor Township Municipal Office, 950 West Fairway Drive, Lancaster, PA. He led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken.

Members Present: Ed Rand, Elizabeth Leaman, Brandon Danz, Paul Miller and Karla Vinson.

Staff Present: Bill Laudien

Visitors Present: Steve Dell and L.Allen Kreider.

### Minutes

Elizabeth Leaman made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Mr. Miller seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### Business From the Floor

There was no business from the floor.

### Old Business

Bill Laudien stated that he had passed the information from the Board on to Mr. Steve Dell from David Miller Associates, and Mr. Dell is here tonight with some feedback. He stated that he would like to see them utilize the existing map of Manor Township that they have been using and make a few additions. The map was missing the Letort School area and there would just be a few updates. Mr. Laudien stated they continue to receive a few surveys each week, but they are in line with what has already been reported. He also stated that the on site interviews have been completed.

Steve Dell, David Miller Associates, presented the Board with his Facility and Open Space Inventory and Analysis Report compiled from the information he had received. He stated that it includes facilities owned by the Township as well as facilities owned by the school district, various churches, private entities and other public organizations. It also included the recreation facilities that are near the Township boundary. He noted that the parks are in four categories: Regional, Community, Neighborhood and Linear and discussed the difference between each type. Mr. Dell discussed the process in which some developers have been giving money in lieu of parks. After some discussion, Mr. Laudien stated he sees a definite need for a park facility in the Letort Manor area. He noted it lacks having a community park to service the area. Mr. Dell noted that since there have been a few developers that have contributed fees in lieu of park ground, the Board could start to think about where they could start looking for an amount of ground to purchase for a park. Mr. Laudien stated that Parkfield Development and Eagle Heights Development have both given monies in lieu of parks. Mr. Dell provided a map showing the River Hills area and the Safe Harbor Dam Area defining areas as Lancaster County Conservancy Interest, Lancaster Farmland Trust Interest, PA Game Commission Interest and potential Conservation Target Lands. Also the existing Conservation Lands. Mr. Laudien stated he feels that the Letort Manor area is a priority but the river hills area are also very important and should be looked at. He feels there is a need to work with the PA Boat Commission and utilize areas along the Susquehanna River. Mr. Laudien stated that the boat launch that was recently installed along Washington Boro has been a good addition for recreation in Manor Township. Mr. Rand

noted that previously there was a boat landing along Slackwater Road, outside of Millersville and that would be a potential area to utilize again. Mr. Laudien stated that the PA Fish & Boat Commission had previously wanted to develop the area along Slackwater Road again if the Township would agree to maintain it, so that might be something the Board would want to pursue. The Board discussed where the location for new parks might be best suited for the public and if it should be small parks or one large community park facility. They discussed greenways and the parks in the northern part of Manor Township that are already connected by the greenways. Mr. Dell pointed out areas of land that might be available. The Board discussed existing schools and the amount of space available for activities. They discussed the Armstrong tract of land and noted that it is a good possibility in the future but it is not available at this time. After discussing all the areas, the Board agreed their goals would be to pursue land to have a larger park facility in the area around the developments of Eagle Heights and Parkfield and then a smaller park facility around the Letort area. They are also interested in pursuing the Slackwater Road access along the Little Conestoga Creek and any possible access to the Susquehanna River along the River Hills area.

Mr. Dell distributed the results and comments from the park survey that DM/V had conducted during the summer of 2007, which included the public participation and policy recommendations. He asked that the Board review this information and that Bill forward their comments on to him to prepare for the next meeting. The Board discussed some of the results listed from the survey and was surprised that the #1 interest is walking and hiking and #2 was an interest in having concerts at the parks.

Allen Kreider stated that he sees a need for a park in the Eagle Heights area because he has had complaints that kids have been playing in the wet lands and pulling out trees. Mr. Miller stated that this is the area that the Board just agreed on for a larger park facility.

Mr. Dell stated he would like to have the base map completed for their next meeting. After some discussion, the Board agreed to meet on Dec. 17, 2007, at 7:30 PM and then their regular meeting on January 4, 2008, at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Laudien noted a change for the Summer Playground Program for Manor Township for 2008, where it will only include the Manor Township Community Park and Greider Park. Due to such a small interest in the Millersville Park this year, they have agreed to discontinue having the program there for 2008.

There, being no further business, Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Leaman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Danz, Secretary

Recording secretary  
Rita J. Young