

**Logan Park Authority**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: 10/20/2010**

**Logan Park Authority Members Present:** Terri Hildebrand, Bob Ingham, Adrian Piechowicz, Scott Houseal, Scott Bair, Lynn Sanders, Joyce Heintzelman, Cristina Speicher, and Matt Fawbor. Vice-Chairman Hildebrand chaired the meeting in the absence of Chairman Hess.

**Others in Attendance:** None

Meeting was called to order: 7:01 pm.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** There were no corrections and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Piechowicz reported the bills for the month as standard. On the revenue side, he reported receiving a third installment contribution of \$1,051.67 from the Borough of Dillsburg.

Mr. Ingham submitted bills for work completed in relation to preparation for the new walkway/recreation path totaling \$2,683 and consisting of the following items: moving the fence at the soccer field - \$450; paint for handicap parking - \$170; tree removal - \$125; rental of a wood chipper \$190; and labor - \$1,748. After a discussion of each of the individual elements of the bills, Ms. Heintzelman moved for approval. Mr. Bair seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Visitors:** None

**Old Business:**

*Walking/recreation path: Construction update*

Ms. Hildebrand asked Mr. Ingham to review the progress of the construction of the walking path to date. Mr. Ingham made the following points:

- Progress has been slower than expected due in part to the wet weather. All paving has been completed and the only remaining task is to fill with top soil as appropriate around the path and plant grass seed covered with straw. The contractor proposed to complete his work by the end of October.
- There has been a reduction in parking area due to the location of the path and as a result some people have been parking on the path. Mr. Ingham noted that he has been in contact with officials at Met-Ed and they have agreed to supply a number of used telephone poles that can be used to prevent driving/parking on the path. It was noted that access could be made to allow additional parking in the grassy area below the existing parking lot.
- Drainage is an issue in a couple of places. The biggest issue was water running along the park edge toward neighbors' property. Mr. Ingham stated that the contractor cut a

dip across the road to redirect the water to an existing drain. That action, in conjunction with unclogging the drain solved the problem. Also, Mr. Ingham made elevation sightings at the property adjacent to the park owned by Hal Anderson and found that it was 2.5 feet lower than the park, and therefore, water from that property could not be drained through the park.

- Trees planted by adjacent property owners, but well on park property, were moved at the expense of the property owners to make way for the path. The trees remain on park property, but out of the way of the path.
- The issue of speeding by vehicles in the park was discussed at length. Mr. Ingham proposed cutting several addition dips in the road to slow people down. Signs noting the dips will be installed as well. In addition, the Park Authority will discuss the problem of speeders along with other issues such as trash removal and parking, at the next meeting of the Authority with each of the athletic organizations that use the park regularly.
- Most neighbors contacted expressed satisfaction with the path.

Mr. Ingham reported on a related matter. He examined a section of the park after a previous report of park neighbors clearing part of the wooded area without permission. He agreed to contact the people to inform them.

Several members are concerned with the area in front of the barn. Mr. Bair suggested getting an area nursery to donate plants. Mr. Ingham and Mr. Bair will look into that suggestion and complete the work as appropriate. Mr. Ingham motioned to move forward with the work and Ms. Speicher seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

#### *Contributors Recognition Progress Report*

Mr. Piechowicz and Mr. Bair reported no progress since the last meeting.

#### *Restroom Problem*

There was continuing concern about the flushing mechanism in the men's rest room. Action will be delayed pending the closing of the restrooms for the winter.

#### **New Business:**

##### *3-5 Year Plan*

Ms. Hildebrand proposed that the Authority begin a planning process. The discussion involved potential funding issues on the revenue side of the ledger as well as future park improvements and other spending concerns. Action on the plan was tabled until the next meeting.

##### *Membership*

Ms. Hildebrand suggested that it was time to begin seeking new people interested in helping with the park. Members were asked to provide their thoughts for the next meeting.

### *Mission Statement*

Ms. Hildebrand asked the members to think about the need and contents of a mission statement for the Authority. Mr. Bair noted that this should be done in connection with the plan since the plan is a tool for implementing the mission statement.

### *Miscellaneous Issues*

The following two miscellaneous issues surfaced during the new business part of the meeting:

- A "Witness Tree" will be donated to the Park. The Witness tree is a seedling taken from the original locust tree that stood beside President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Ms. Heintzelman agreed to consult on how, when and where to plant the tree.
- There was damage done to a section of the new walking/recreation path by a horse soon after it was laid. Mr. Ingham was able to track down the horse's owner and rider and contacted them concerning the problem. After some discussion, the members instructed Mr. Ingham to report back to the horse's owners the cost of the damage to get their reaction. It was the collective sense of the members that the Authority would not pay to fix the damage. The members also decided that horses should not be allowed in the park.

### *Adjournment*

Mr. Piechowicz moved to close the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.