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Curwensville Lake to be included in geocaching trail

Thursday, November 14, 2013

By **Dianne Byers** Staff Writer

Curwensville Lake Authority gave permission for Curwensville Lake Recreation Area to be included in a geocaching trail at yesterday's meeting.

Kelly Williams, Clearfield County Conservation District watershed specialist, provided authority members with details of a new project, the West Branch Susquehanna River GeoTrail.

The trail, sponsored by the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, is made possible through funding provided by the Lumber Heritage Region and the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources bureau of recreation and conservation according to information supplied by SGP.

Special geocaches have been hidden at cultural, historic and natural sites along the Susquehanna Greenway - a corridor of parks, trails, historic sites, conserved lands and river towns located along the West Branch of the Susquehanna River.

As geocachers find and log the caches they will learn about important events, people and natural resources along the 228-mile river.

Information from SGP notes the first 500 who log at least 15 GeoTrail caches will receive a commemorative wooden coin. The coins have been manufactured by Elkwood Arts of Ridgway, Williams said.

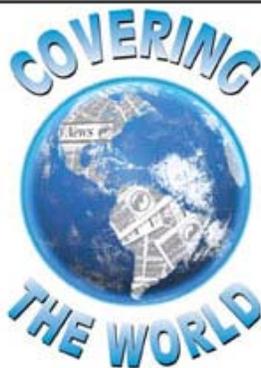
Additional information about the West Branch Susquehanna River GeoTrail, a passport to record found caches and their keywords and cache coordinates are available at www.susquehannagreenway.org/tours.

The authority granted permission for two caches to be hidden at the lake. Voting to approve were Jim Kling, Jesse Mayhew and Susan Reed, authority members. Members Aaron Evans and Charles Guarino were absent.

In other business, the authority:

- noted the lake is closed for the season and all employees have been furloughed or placed on part-time status. Employees will be checking the grounds and messages left at the administrative offices and answering correspondence.
- reported the dog park is completed except for some signage. Final reports have been sent to North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission, the agency that supplied grant funding which paid for a portion of the project. A grand opening is tentatively scheduled for May 3 following the 2014 opening of the lake. Shane Kelly, lake operations manager, was instructed to contact various groups that focus on domestic animals and ask them to put on presentations or displays at the event.
- said the final paperwork for the playground upgrades has been submitted to DCNR. Adam Mattis of DCNR will perform a site inspection today.
- said members will review a copy of the 2014 budget and what was actually spent during the 2013 season. The budget will be considered for approval at the December meeting.

The authority's next meeting is Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. at the Clearfield County Conservation District's conference room at 511 Spruce St., Clearfield.



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