

**Centre Regional Recreation Authority  
Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee**

**MEETING SUMMARY (Draft)**

**Wed., 17 Dec 08, 4:00 PM at the COG Forum Room**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: (8 of 16 Appointed Members)**

Dr. Rick Marboe, Chair    Jennifer Shuey, Vice Chair    Don Epp    Mark McLaughlin  
Jackie Melander    MJ Kitt    Holly Fritchman    Robert Ayer  
Guests: Alan Popovich (HPA), Moses Ling (Ling Partnership), Lana Zuett (HPA)  
CRPR Staff:    Molly Hetrick, Greg Roth, Ron Woodhead

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING SUMMARIES** from 15 Oct 08

*There was no quorum at this meeting; summary will be approved at the Jan 09 Meeting.*

**3. OPERATIONAL REPORTS:**

• **The Proposed 2009 Budget: Ron Woodhead**

Ron reported the budget has been forwarded to each municipality by the General Forum for their official adoption. The elected officials approved the increased support for MMNC for 2009 (although State College Borough voted against the budget, it passed with a majority vote.) However, they also discussed this increase as a “change in philosophy” about how MMNC is funded and this discussion will be revisited in the future. Ron cautioned 2009 will be a challenge and we must begin to look toward 2010 also. He thanked those who spoke with the elected officials to show their support of the nature center.

• **Other staff reports will be presented at the January meeting.**

• **The End-of-Season 2008 report has been posted on the CRPR website.**

**4. BUSINESS ITEMS**

• **2009 Fee Policy: Molly Hetrick**

Advisory Committee members made individual recommendations via email to endorse the 2009 Fee Policy for Authority action. An official motion and vote is requested.

*(This item will be included for the Jan 09 Meeting because there was no quorum)*

**5. CAPITAL PROJECT**

• **“The Spring Creek Education Building” Planning Session: Alan Popovich**

The discussion today will be based upon prior discussions with the committee, and will permit the architects to finalize aspects of the building - so that a final design may be proposed in the near future.

- The architectural services agreement was signed by the Authority Chair in November.

- Our thanks to Dr. Rob Brooks for performing the wetland determination.

- ELA Group is now proceeding with the necessary survey work.

- The approved plans for the parking areas have been forwarded to HP Architects to include on the Land Development Plan.

Mr. Popovich and Ms. Zuett presented current building plans for the committee to review and included an overview of the current layout. Committee members discussed the orientation of the building and its footprint on the site, which showed the loss of the current driveway near the farmhouse and included a re-orientation of the farmhouse yard. This orientation is slightly altered from the Master Plan, but necessary due to the elevation of that area. Alan reviewed other features of the site, including an office partition and the small amount of storage space available.

Alan also shared information from a PSU Architectural Engineering class that reviewed the building plans and suggested green alternatives for the site. Using rainwater collected from the building roof and using a geo-thermal heating system were suggestions the committee was in favor of, so Alan will continue to work with these ideas as design continues.

- **FORMING A “BUILDING SUBCOMMITTEE”:** Rick Marboe

The Building Subcommittee will be a small group (3 - 4 members) responsible for working with Authority staff regarding design decisions. Staff or Authority members may call on this group for recommendations and guidance. The Subcommittee will include the Chair and Recreation Supervisor, plus two others. Reports will be made to keep the Advisory Committee updated on the subcommittee actions.

**Subcommittee Members are:**

- Rick Marboe, Adv Comm Chair
- Kathy Matason, CRR/AMNC Adv Comm
- Steve Maruszewski, MMNC Adv Comm
- Molly Hetrick, Recreation Supervisor
- Greg Roth, Parks Supervisor

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting:** Wed., 21 Jan 08 at 4 PM at the COG Building  
Topic: Advisory Committee Reorganization for 2009