

# CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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**JOINT MEETING OF**  
**AD HOC REGIONAL PARK COMMITTEE**  
and the  
**CENTRE REGIONAL RECREATION AUTHORITY**  
**To focus on the Welch Pool Renewal – Master Site Plan**

Thursday, January 15, 2009, 12:15 PM  
COG Building - Forum Room

## AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mr. Klees will convene the joint meeting.

AD HOC REGIONAL PARK COMMITTEE		CENTRE REGIONAL REC. AUTHORITY	
College Township	<b>Dan Klees, Chair</b>	Ferguson Township	<b>Sue Mascolo, Chair</b>
Harris Township	Cliff Warner, Vice-Chair	Harris Township	Roy Harpster, Vice-Chair
Ferguson Township	Richard Mascolo	College Township	Kathy Matason, Sec.
State College Borough	James Rosenberger	State College Borough	Donna Conway, Treas.
Patton Township	Jeff Luck	Patton Township	Chris Hurley
Penn State University	Dan Sieminski	SC Area School District	Donna Ricketts, D.Ed.

2. **AD HOC COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION / ELECTION FOR 2009**

The Ad Hoc Committee should elect officers (Chair and Vice-Chair) for 2009 and establish their 2009 meeting schedule. In prior years the committee met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the COG Building Forum Room. At the February meeting, staff will present a summary of the current work plan items for 2009. It is noted that municipal approvals are pending for an agreement that, among other things, will change the name of the committee to the COG "Parks Capital Committee" and make the committee standing rather than ad hoc.

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Members of the public are invited to comment on any items not already on the agenda (five minute per person time limit, please). Comments relating to specific items on the agenda should be deferred until that point in the meeting.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The draft meeting summary from the November 20, 2008, meeting is enclosed. The committee did not meet during December. (Attachment #1)

## 5. THE WELCH POOL RENEWAL

### - Completing the Master Site Plan for Authority / Municipal Consideration

Mr. Scot Hunsaker of Counsilman Hunsaker Associates and Mr. Alan Popovich of HP Architects will present the final draft of the Welch Pool Master Site Plan, based upon Concept Plan #3 (as selected in Nov. 2007). While the shared parking (below) is a critical component of Master Site Plan, this discussion is intended to permit the pool planning work to proceed so that a final Master Site Plan can be officially presented for review and action by the Authority, the committee and PA DCNR. Given the November approval of the construction grant by PA DCNR, this schedule is also necessary to meet the proposed bidding and construction schedule.

Related to that process, the final Community Meeting for residents on the proposed Master Site Plan is scheduled for this evening (Thursday, Jan. 15) at 7:00 PM in this room. Specifically, the consultants will seek public comment on the pool layout / features proposed on the Master Site Plan. The newspaper ad for the meeting is attached (*Attachment #2*).

### - Discuss the status of discussions with SCASD regarding:

1. Shared Parking & Access Agreement
2. Shared Use of Bathhouse

In an effort to move toward a mutually-acceptable proposal for action, staff prepared a revised draft agreement based upon school and municipal discussions to date, as well as a reduction in the required number of shared parking spaces for the new pool. It was made clear that the draft was not endorsed by the Authority, the Solicitor or the municipalities, and that revisions would be necessary – but it was hoped that the principles would help move the discussion forward. The School Board was scheduled to again discuss the proposal at their meeting on Monday, January 12. Following an update from the Director, the Authority and committee are asked to discuss a process to finalize the agreements. (*Attachment #3*)

## 6. OAK HALL MASTER SITE PLAN

Since the December 10 meeting where the joint planning committee reviewed and discussed a number of layout proposals for the Oak Hall parklands, Pashek Associates has completed an extensive analysis of sportfield needs. This analysis involved the 2001 Board recommendations, discussions with CRPR staff, sport group interviews and requests, and reviewing the former standards by the National Recreation & Park Association. They have also completed soil excavation tests at Oak Hall (with the assistance of Harris Township and CRPR staff) to assist with the layout planning. As a result, they have prepared one draft “field layout plan” for each regional park for discussion.

A meeting of the joint planning committee is requested for:

**Tuesday, January 27, 12:15 PM at the Ferguson Township Building** to consider those plans. At that meeting the consultants will review the results of their analysis and the proposed layout plans for Oak Hall and Whitehall Road parklands.

Pending committee comments or action on the plans, a Community Meeting is also proposed for: **Tuesday, February 10, 7:30 PM at the COG Forum Room** to present the draft plan to the public for comments.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

- Next **Park Planning Committee Meeting**: Tuesday, Jan. 27, 12:15 PM, at the Ferguson Twp. Building meeting room.
- Proposed Oak Hall Parklands **Community Meeting** proposed for:  
Tuesday, February 10, 7:30 PM at the COG Building Forum Room.
- Next scheduled **Regular Ad Hoc Committee Meeting**: Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, 12:15 PM in the COG Building Forum Room

### Attachments:

- #1 November Meeting Summary (draft)
- #2 Copy of the CDT display ad regarding the Welch Pool Community Meeting
- #3 Revised / Proposed Welch Pool Shared Parking Agreement discussed with SCASD

*The complete agenda packet (paper) is being distributed by mail to: (28 total)*

Committee Members	(6)	
Rec. Authority	(6)	
Municipal Managers	(5)	
COG Staff (J. Steff, D. Ishler, J. Hall, G. Roth)	(4)	
Asst. Borough Managers (Mr. Kurtz, Mr. Dunlap)	(2)	
Mr. Popovich, Mr. Hunsaker, Mr. Smith	(3)	(agenda via email)
Mr. Pashek, Mr. Jones	(2)	(agenda via email)
Masters to Committee Notebook		

*Lunch Count: expecting up to 25*