



Centre Region Council of Governments

**CENTRE REGION PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
CENTRE REGIONAL RECREATION AUTHORITY**

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**Regular Meeting Agenda
for Thursday, 11 Jun 09, 12:15 PM
at Patton Twp. Building Meeting Room**

*A walk-thru of Park Forest Pool for Authority members will be held after the meeting adjourns.
The new facilities will open on Sat., 13 Jun 09.*

I. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL:

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| • Ms. Sue Mascolo, Chair | Ferguson Twp. | • Mr. Roy Harpster, Vice-Chair | Harris Twp. |
| • Ms. Kathy Matason, Sec. | College Twp. | • Ms. Donna Conway, Treas. | State College Borough |
| • Donna M. Ricketts, D.Ed. | SCASD | • Mr. Chris Hurley | Patton Twp. |

II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC for any item not on the agenda (up to 3 min./person)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- from the Regular Meeting on 14 May 09 (Attachment # 1) **(Action)**
- from the Special Meeting on 27 May 09 (Attachment # 2) **(Action)**

IV. ACTION ON VOUCHERS

- from May (Attachment # 3 if available, otherwise at meeting) **(Action)**

In view of the many action items on this agenda, the Committee & Staff Reports will be delayed until later in the agenda.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. TENNIS FACILITY REPORT

As requested by the COG Parks Capital Committee, in May the Authority was presented with the paper report and a slide show from the **Centre Region Community Tennis Assn.** for the Whitehall Road Regional Parklands. Their report has since been posted at www.crpr.org. The COG Regional Park Planning Committee is currently reviewing proposals from consulting firms with respect to preparing the Whitehall Road Parkland Master Site Plan. While the regional park concepts have been based upon outdoor recreation facilities, and the Scope of Work for that Whitehall Road Parkland Planning project does not include studying the feasibility of any structures for indoor recreation, the Board may wish to consider a recommendation to the COG Parks Capital Committee at this meeting. A possible motion for discussion is provided:

“That the Authority Board hereby,

- (1) thanks the Association for their efforts and their support of public tennis,*
- (2) endorses the indoor tennis facility concept, while also acknowledging the on-going*

- discussions regarding an indoor, multiple-sport facility in the region,*
- (3) *recognizes the need for additional study of the proposal and the remaining concern about the financial obligations to the municipalities with respect to constructing and operating any indoor facility,*
- (4) *recommends that the COG Parks Capital Committee consider the group's proposal and formulate a process, in cooperation with the Authority, for evaluating / studying the issue and, if a municipal operation is warranted, studying possible locations."*

(Action)

B. PARK FOREST POOL CONSTRUCTION

1. Opening Day Plans: "Free Swim Day" at both pools; Re-Dedication & First Splash Ceremony by Mr. Todd Roth and Ms. Beth Lee.
The ceremony program will be outlined for Board information.
2. Construction Update: There are no change orders for action at this time. While the final documents are now being processed, it is now projected that the Authority will end the project approximately \$3,000 - 4,000 under the \$3.2 million cost ceiling.
3. It is noted that PA DCNR recently approved a partial grant reimbursement of \$312,000 from their \$350,000 grant. The balance of the grant funds will be reimbursed upon the official close-out of the grant project.

C. WELCH POOL RENEWAL: Mr. Woodhead

1. MASTER SITE PLAN: To finalize the Authority's prior approval of the Master Site Plan at the May meeting, PA DCNR has asked that the attached Resolution #3-2009 also be approved by the Authority. This form is necessary to obtain reimbursement of the \$33,000 grant for this project. Attachment # 4 **(Action)**
2. PROJECT PLANNING STATUS: Mr. Woodhead will update the Board on the status of the detailed planning for the Welch Pool Renewal.
 - Borough Design Review Board approval with conditions. A summary from Mr. Todd Smith, ELA Group, will be provided.
 - Borough Planning Commission - The commission is scheduled to meet on Wed. 3 Jun 09 to consider the proposed Land Development Plan. A summary from Mr. Todd Smith, ELA Group, will be provided.
 - Architect's Update: A report from Mr. Popovich will be presented with respect to the design process, scheduled bid period and the bid opening date (in early-July).
3. BIKEWAY RELOCATION: Based upon the concerns presented by two adjoining homeowners, and the Special Meeting held at the site, the Authority is asked to provide direction to staff and the consultants with respect to the bikeway relocation as part of the planned pool renewal. As noted earlier, the proposed easement revision also requires the consent of Borough Council (scheduled for 15 Jun 09) and the Board of School Directors.

D. NATURE CENTER BUILDING - GRANT APPLICATION: Mr. Woodhead

At the regular May meeting, the Authority permitted staff to prepare and submit a grant application to the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for funding opportunities presented by the (federal) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Thanks to work by the Building Subcommittee, the architect and staff, a detailed grant application was submitted prior to the 29 May 09 deadline for \$500,000 (matched with the \$1 million raised locally) to construct the Spring Creek Education Building. A special thanks to Molly Hetrick for her extensive work on this initiative. Copies of the grant packet are available upon request. No additional action by the Board is requested. While competition for the grants is expected to be intense, PA DEP has indicated that they will announce the approved grants by the end of July. As a result, the planned “Building Project Update” to the Board by Dr. Rick Marboe has been postponed until the August Authority meeting.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

• Member & Municipal Committee Updates:

College Twp.	Ferguson Twp.	Patton Twp.
State College Borough	Harris Twp.	SCASD

• Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee: Ms. Matason

The committee did not meet in May.

• COG Parks Capital Committee: Mr. Woodhead

The committee met after the Park Planning Committee meeting on 21 May 09. Their next meeting will be on 18 Jun 09. They will focus on finalizing the selection process for the Whitehall Road Parkland consultants and continue to discuss funding options.

• Regional Park Planning Committee: Mr. Woodhead

(The CRPR Board and the COG Parks Capital Committee)

The planning committee met on 21 May 09 to officially endorse the proposed Oak Hall Master Site Plan for the COG General Forum. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

• Director’s Reports

- Activity Report for May (Attachment # 5)
- 2010 Program Plan (the first document related to the 2010 Budget Proposal)
- CRPR Maintenance & Storage Area Report - Status Report: Mr. Woodhead
- Senior Center Update: Ms. Barbara Lindenbaum
 1. Power-assisted Entrance Doors - Installation Update
 2. Commercial-grade Dishwasher - Grant Application

• Supervisor Highlights:

Mr. Greg Roth	Ms. Barbara Lindenbaum	Ms. Beth Lee
Mr. Jeff Hall	Mr. Todd Roth	Ms. Molly Hetrick (off)

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

(Action)

Board and staff members are encouraged to meet at the new Park Forest Pool after this meeting for an optional walk-through.

Future Meeting Schedules

- Next COG Parks Capital Committee
Th, 18 Jun 09, 12:15 PM COG Building, Forum Room
- Next Regional Park Planning Committee Meeting: (not yet scheduled)
- Next CRPR Board Meeting:
Th, 9 Jul 09, 12:15 PM, at Tudek Park Pavilion #2, Ferguson Twp.
NOTE: a special meeting may be called in early-July to consider the Welch Pool bids.

Attachments:

1. 14 May 09 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. 27 May 09 Special Meeting Minutes
3. May Voucher Report (if available from SC Borough)
4. Welch Pool Master Site Plan Resolution
5. May Activity Report

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