



Centre Region Council of Governments

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

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**Regular Meeting Agenda
for Thursday, 10 Sep 09, 12:15 PM
at the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Barn**

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. |

NOTE: Ms. Diane Farr will be attending as a non-voting alternate for Mr. Harpster.

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 13 Aug 09 (Attachment # 1) (Action)

IV. ACTION ON VOUCHERS

from August (Attachment # 2) (Action)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **Member & Municipal Committee Updates:**

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

- **Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee:** Ms. Matason & Ms. Hetrick
The committee met on 19 Aug 09. *(Also see the discussion scheduled below)*

- **COG Parks Capital Committee:** Ms. Mascolo and Mr. Woodhead
The committee met on 20 Aug 09 to (1) recommend that the 2006-2009 municipal contribution amounts be continued for 2010, (2) discuss Hess Softball Field operations, and (3) discuss the Borough's proposal to charge a \$10,000 land-use fee annually for the CRPR Parks Maintenance area, starting in 2010.

- **Regional Park Planning Committee:** Mr. Woodhead
(Consists of the CRPR Board and the COG Parks Capital Committee)

The Planning Committee did not meet in August.
Pashek Associates will kick off the Whitehall Road Regional Parkland planning process with a committee meeting scheduled for Monday, 14 Sep 09, 12:15-2PM at the COG Building Forum Room. Lunch will be provided.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

• Director's Report:

- Staff Activity Report for August (Attachment # 3)
- The CRPR staff will be funding a "Remembrance Tree" to honor Ms. Lindenbaum's 23 years of service to the community at the Centre Region Senior Center.
- Fall 2009 Leisure Guide (Attachment # 4)

It is noted that for the 4-day period following the Leisure Guide (Sun.-Wed.) publication, the ActiveNet website processed program registrations of \$3,555. The first registration was processed 10 minutes after the Internet registrations opened at 12:01 AM on Sunday morning.

During those same 4-days, all agency revenue totaled \$19,837 from staff & Internet registrations and from pool admissions.

- 2010 Detailed Budget Proposals: Staff expects to provide at the meeting a CD-ROM to each Board member with the Detailed Budget Proposals for the 8 CRPR funds. The COG Finance Committee will formally review the proposals on Wed. 30 Sep 09, from 8-9:30 AM in the COG Building Forum Room. Board members are welcome to attend.

• Supervisor Highlights:

Ms. Beth Lee	Mr. Jeff Hall	Mr. Todd Roth
Ms. Carol Clitherow	Mr. Greg Roth	Ms. Molly Hetrick

VII. COMMUNICATIONS - None

VIII. ACTION ITEMS & PROJECT UPDATES

A. PARK FOREST POOL RENEWAL: Mr. Woodhead & Mr. Popovich

- Operational Updates: It is noted that "2009 recreational visits" to Park Forest Pool as of the end of August were 248% of the 2008 numbers (with 29,467 rec. visits during 2009). Instructional visits, including swim team events, are not a part of these figures.
- Construction Updates: Mr. Popovich will report on the status of "punchlist items" that will be addressed in earnest, now that the pool has closed for the season (after Labor Day), and the amounts withheld from the respective contractors pending completion of those items.

B. WELCH POOL RENEWAL: Mr. Woodhead

1. MASTER SITE PLAN: PA DCNR has provided their comments with a conditional approval of the Master Site Plan Report. HP Architects is working with staff to incorporate those comments to complete the project. At that time, the \$33,000 grant reimbursement will be requested.
2. PROJECT PLANNING STATUS: Mr. Woodhead and/or Mr. Popovich will update the Board on the status of the Welch Pool Renewal:
 - The "Welch Pool Day / Last Splash Ceremony" held on Labor Day.
 - Plan reviews by (1) Centre Region Code Agency and (2) PA DCNR.
 - Review a revised bidding schedule pending receipt of the PA DCNR review.The Authority is asked to officially authorize the bid process upon receipt of the plan approval from PA DCNR. **(Action)**
3. SUMMER 2010 SWIM ALTERNATIVES: Staff proposes to request from SCASD expanded summer rental of the SCAHS Natatorium by the Authority for the Welch Pool Swim Team, swim lessons, adult lap swim and summer recreation swims. Options to expand the Park Forest Pool schedule will also be proposed for Authority consideration.

C. MILLBROOK MARSH NATURE CENTER - Spring Creek Education Building

As a result of the MMNC Advisory Committee meeting in August, Dr. Rick Marboe and Architect Alan Popovich will outline a revised-scope plan for the Spring Creek Education Building at the nature center. Since the \$500,000 grant application to the PA Energy Development Authority (PEDA) was not selected for funding, work has continued with the architect, staff and committee members on a revised scope of the plans - intending to match the current payments / pledges:

- \$695,330 local donations / pledges (2006-2011)
- \$165,000 municipal contributions (2006-2011)
- \$200,000 from PA DCNR Growing Greener funds via Centre County
- \$1,060,330 Total Donations/Pledges to date

It is noted that these funds must also provide for the construction of the parking area. A proposed construction schedule will also be presented for discussion.

The Advisory Committee approved requesting the following actions by the Authority:

1. To authorize HP Architects to continue with the design and bid document development based on the revised "Building Plan with Lift" version. (No change to the Architect Agreement is necessary.) **(Action)**
2. To accept the revised phasing design and authorize bidding, pending receipt of the required PA DCNR authorization. **(Action)**

Staff Recommendation: Depending on the extent of the project details presented at the meeting, the Authority may elect to proceed with action on Item #1 and postpone the authorization to bid pending sufficient information, as provided for the Welch Pool project.

D. UTILITY EASEMENT REQUEST at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center: Mr. Woodhead

D&E Communications Inc. has requested a utility easement from Penn State University (as landowner) and CRRA (as lessee) to install by horizontal boring an underground fiber-optic cable along a section of the perimeter boundary of the marsh, behind W.R. Hickey Inc, in order to provide upgraded service to the College Township Municipal Building. The agreement includes the endorsement of ClearWater Conservancy, as required by the Conservation Easement. Action on the attached "Utility Right-of-Way Agreement," as furnished by Penn State, is requested. Staff recommends approval.

(Attachment # 5) **(Action)**

IX. ADJOURNMENT (Action)

Future Meeting Schedules

- **Regional Park Planning Committee** Meeting c/o Pashek Associates:
Mo, 14 Sep 09, 12:15-2PM, COG Building, Forum Room
- **COG Parks Capital Committee** will NOT meet in September.
October Meeting: Th, 15 Oct 09, 12:15 PM, COG Building, Forum Room
- **CRPR Board** Regular Meeting:
Th, 8 Oct 09, 12:15 PM, COG Building Forum Room

Attachments:

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| 1. 13 Aug 09 Regular Meeting Minutes (Draft) | 4. Fall 2009 CRPR Leisure Guide |
| 2. August Voucher Report | 5. Proposed Utility R/W Agreement |
| 3. August Activity Report | |