



Centre Region Council of Governments

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

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**Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting**

Thursday, 12 Nov 09  
at the COG Building, Forum Room

**I. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**

Chair Sue Mascolo called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M.

Board members attending (6 of 6):

Sue Mascolo	Donna Conway	Chris Hurley
Donna Ricketts	Ms. Matason	Roy Harpster

Staff: Director Ronald J. Woodhead Recreation Supervisor Sports & Fitness Jeff Hall  
Asst. Park Supervisor Ted Weaver Recreation Supervisor Programs & Special Events Beth Lee  
Aquatics Supervisor Todd Roth Recreation Supervisor - Nature Center Molly Hetrick  
Office Manager Diane Ishler Acting Senior Center Supervisor Carol Clitherow

**II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - none**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - none**

The Board did not meet in October. The September minutes were approved at a Special Meeting on November 5, 2009.

**IV. ACTION ON VOUCHERS**

After a number of questions by Ms. Conway, the September and October 2009 vouchers were approved on a motion by Ms. Conway and seconded by Mr. Harpster. All in favor.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Municipal Boards & Committees: Issues & Updates by Board Members*

- *College Twp. Parks & Recreation Committee:* No report.
- *Patton Twp. Rec. Advisory Committee:* Mr. Hurley reported Patton Twp. discussed the remaining development for Circleville Park and that they will be meeting with CRPR staff about the Maintenance Building for that park. They reviewed the analysis of information from their township survey; discussed the Haugh family farm operation (next to Circleville Park) that will be kept in its natural state; and they had substantial tree damage during the 15 Oct storm.
- *Borough of State College:* Ms. Conway reported the controversial bikeway in the Borough of State College (on S. Allen St.) was approved by Council.
- *Harris Twp. Park & Recreation Committee:* Mr. Harpster reported Harris Twp began working on the plans for the Liberty Hill Open Space. They are also trying to locate a bike path or walking trail into Rothrock State Forest from Boalsburg,
- *Ferguson Township:* No report
- *State College Area School District:* Dr. Ricketts noted that there is a district staff meeting next

week to talk about shared space at the SCASD Natatorium for the summer 2010.

*Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee* - Ms. Hetrick reported that the Committee briefly reviewed the 2010 Budget. They also discussed the impacts the proposed Wildlife Building and complex in Scotia may have on the Nature Center.

*COG Parks Capital Committee* - Ms. Mascolo will attend the next meeting on 19 Nov 09 for Mr. Harpster. Mr. Woodhead reviewed the list of projects that the COG Parks Capital Committee has on it's agenda: Develop a Funding Strategy for the regional parks; study sportfield lighting for the regional parks; the Hess Softball Field Complex proposal; the Indoor Tennis Proposal; and recommend a resolution for the COG / CRPR Maintenance Facility. It was mentioned that it might be best to develop youth softball fields at the Hess Field Complex and adult-sized fields at the other regional parks.

*Regional Park Planning Committee* - Mr. Woodhead reported that the Park Planning Committee met on Tuesday evening at a Penn State lighted field to look at field lighting with a Musco representative. The next meeting for the Regional Park Planning Committee will be 7 Dec 09. All comments and suggestions for the Whitehall Road Property will be merged into a new Concept Plan and presented to the Committee for discussion.

## **VI. STAFF REPORTS**

*September & October 2009 Activity Report* - No additions to the reports

*2010 Summary Budget Proposal* - Mr. Woodhead distributed the COG Summary Budget to the Board members and explained that the entire COG budget is currently being discussed by the municipalities.

*2010 Fees* - Mr. Woodhead distributed the potential changes in fees for 2010 for the Board members to consider. Action will be proposed at the December meeting. The changes currently being considered are:

- Field fees proposed change from \$110 per field per season to \$140 per field per season. The challenge is to charge for programs so the program fees take care of program expenses.
- Nature Center proposed change to increase Birthday Party fee
- Gifts for Parks proposed addition of benches to the fee policy.
- Tudek Gardens increase the single plots \$3 and the double plots \$5. Mr. Woodhead also mentioned developing gardener group that provides input for the gardens. Mr. Harpster asked why the single plot should not go up by \$5 instead of the \$3 proposed. A short discussion followed.

### **Supervisor Highlights:**

*Ted Weaver, Assistant Park Supervisor for Greg Roth Parks Supervisor* - The crew is continuing with park operations. The Millbrook Marsh Nature Center barn (cedar) siding was power washed and stained; concrete was poured in the garage at Spring Creek Park; winterized the park facilities, water to fountains and restrooms has be shut-off to protect the plumbing; and the crews have been spending a lot of time in the parks to clean up the damage from the 15 Oct snowstorm. Quite a few trees were lost due to the storm. A discussion followed as the extent of the damage.

*Jeff Hall, Recreation Supervisor for Sports & Fitness* - The Adult Leagues are about half over for the season. There are 16 Adult Basketball teams. There are 24 Adult Volleyball teams that are beginning playoffs. Approximately 100 adults are registered in 6 different fitness classes. The Agency received a \$100 award for its participation in the Pitch Hit & Run competition. Mr. Hall reported he is trying to find alternate space for his programs, due to losing more and more space at the School District.

*Todd Roth, Aquatic Supervisor* - Mr. Roth reported that swim lesson enrolled for fall are down from last fall, but thinks it is due to the economy. He is busy learning how to winterize the Park Forest Pool -

training provided by the contractors. He is also working on Welch to get the area ready for the contractors to start the renewal of the pool. He thanked the Parks Maintenance staff for their help with this preparation work.

*Carol Clitherow, Acting Senior Center Supervisor* - Ms. Clitherow reported that things are going well at the Senior Center. They took a bus trip to Jennerstown where they saw the mine rescue site and a play; they have had speakers; had a Halloween Party, had a party for two long-time participants at the Center that are moving to New Jersey; and served as a site to deliver 187 flu shots.

*Molly Hetrick, Recreation Supervisor - Nature Center* - Ms. Hetrick reported that the Historic Harvest Festival was great with approximately 750 participating, the most ever. A Penn State class planned this special event.

*Beth Lee, Recreation Supervisor for Programs & Special Events* - Ms. Lee reported that the Halloween Parade had about 2,000 participants. She indicated that Rhythmic Gymnastics will be offered in the winter. The Winter/Spring Active Guide (formerly the Leisure Guide) will be published in the CDT on January 3, 2010.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS** - None

## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Resolution for PA Conservation Corp Grant Application**

Mr. Harpster moved that the Authority approve Resolution #4-2009 authorizing staff to apply for a PCC grant for 1 July 2010 through 30 Jun 2011, valued at \$100,000. Ms. Matason seconded. All in favor. This will be the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for the PCC grant (if approved).

### **B. Proposed Lease for Senior Center**

Mr. Hurley moved that the Senior Center Lease be approved between the Authority and State College Borough. Ms. Conway seconded. All in favor. Mr. Woodhead will finalize the details with Borough staff.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ms. Conway and a second by Mr. Hurley. All in favor.

### Future Meeting Schedules:

- ! COG Parks Capital Committee - Regular Meeting:  
Th 19, Nov 09, 12:15 PM, COG Building, Forum Room
- ! Regional Park Planning Committee c/o Pashek Associates  
Mo, 7 Dec 09, 12:15 - 2 PM, COG Building, Forum Room
- ! CRPR Board, Regular Meeting  
Th, 10 Dec 09, 12:15 PM, COG Building, Forum Room

**THE NEXT MEETING has been scheduled for  
Thursday, 10 Dec 09, 12:15 PM, at the COG Building Forum Room.**

*These minutes were approved by the Board at the meeting  
on Thursday, 10 Dec 09. They will now be distributed to Municipal Managers,  
SCASD and posted on the CRPR website.*

Meeting summary prepared by Diane Ishler, CRPR Office Manager  
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