



Centre Region Council of Governments

CENTRE REGION PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
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Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting

Thursday, 13 Aug 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 (5 of 6):

Sue Mascolo	Donna Conway	Chris Hurley
Roy Harpster	Donna Ricketts	(Ms. Matason was out of town.)

Staff: Director Ronald J. Woodhead Recreation Supervisor Sports & Fitness Jeff Hall
Park Supervisor Greg Roth Recreation Supervisor Programs & Special Events Beth Lee
Aquatics Supervisor Todd Roth Recreation Supervisor - Nature Center Molly Hetrick
Office Manager Diane Ishler Senior Center Director Barbara Lindenbaum
COG Executive Director James Steff

Guests: Alan Popovich and Lana Goodin from HP Architects

II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - none

The Welch Pool Renewal Project Planning Status was moved to the beginning for the convenience of Mr. Popovich.

IX. PROJECT UPDATES

B. Welch Pool Renewal

Mr. Popovich related that the detailed construction documents for Welch Pool plans are at Centre Region Codes and being prepared for submitting to PA DCNR for their reviews. He also reported that the development of the "Bikepath Woodlot Sustainability Plan" as required by State College Borough is being prepared with the assistance of Dr. Jim Finley, Professor of Forest Resources at Penn State.

He then reviewed the Welch Pool plans using the plans shown on the screen. Ms. Goodin highlighted the materials that are to be used in the two pool buildings. Alan related that grass (rather than sod) will be able to be used on the project since the pool is not going to open in 2010. The Borough Engineer endorsed the relocation of the proposed perimeter fence to the top of the stormwater dam, so the plans show that revision.

Mr. Hurley related that he liked what was done with the concession area - building it so that it could be opened up into an active concession area if needed in the future. Mr. Popovich indicated that the plumbing (underfloor drain lines) for that idea was not planned to be installed at this time, but maybe it should be - so it would be less disruptive later. The Authority was happy with the plan. Mr. Popovich distributed a project schedule which shows the project complete by October 1, 2010. Dr. Ricketts asked if someone had contacted the high school about using the natatorium during the summer for lessons in 2010. Mr. Todd Roth indicated that he had contacted them and was working with them to use their facility more

often. Mr. Popovich explained that he was hoping the bids documents could go out on 4 Sept 09 with the bids back by 30 Sept 09 and construction beginning on 19 Oct 09 - assuming that we hear back from PA DCNR to start the bid process. Mr. Popovich then reviewed the estimated project cost summary. He indicated that the estimated total project costs would be almost the total approved (up to \$5.4 million), not counting the other costs that have arisen (parking and access, drop-off, shared bathhouse access, bikeway relocation) - but this will be dependant on the actual bids submitted. Ms. Conway indicated that we should have enough alternates identified to enable the project to match the approved funds. The staff and the consultants will continue work to provide those alternates.

The meeting then returned to the scheduled agenda at 1:15 PM.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 7 Jul 09 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Hurley and seconded by Dr. Ricketts. All in favor.

IV. ACTION ON VOUCHERS

The July 2009 vouchers were approved on a motion by Mr. Hurley and seconded by Ms. Conway. 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 that they received the raw data from their survey. They also reviewed a letter from ClearWater Conservancy concerning a wetlands area in Grays Woods. In addition they talked about turning over the newly-completed sections of Circleville Park to CRPR for maintaining and programming (these additions were previously accepted by CRPR for 2009). Mr. Greg Roth indicated that he had a concern that the outfield on the one ballfield was not graded properly.
- *Borough of State College:* No report
- *Harris Twp. Park & Recreation Committee:*. No report
- *Ferguson Township:* Ms. Mascolo reported that her presentation to the Ferguson Township Supervisors went well.
- *State College Area School District:* No report.

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee - This committee did not meet in July.

COG Parks Capital Committee - The Committee met on 16 July 09 to discuss the comments from each municipality regarding the Oak Hall Master Site Plan, to approve the recommendation to engage Pashek Associates for the Whitehall Road Master Site Plan, to be updated on the Welch Pool status, and to continue discussing funding options for the regional park developments. There was a lot of discussion about funding and hopefully at their meeting on Thursday, 20 Aug 09, they will at least decide on a recommended funding level for 2010.

Regional Park Planning Committee - The Committee met on 13 July 09 to interview the four firms selected to interview for the Whitehall Rd Parkland Master Site Plan. The COG General Forum officially approved Pashek Associates on 27 Jul 09. The firm will kick off the planning process with a committee meeting scheduled for Monday, 14 Sept 09, 12:15-2 PM at the COG Forum Room.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

July 2009 Activity Report - Mr. Woodhead thanked the staff for their work done in July.

Summer 2009 Staff Guide - Mr. Woodhead reflected on the list of summer employees it takes to “make summer happen” for residents.

2009 Major Projects Schedule & Report - Mr. Greg Roth reviewed the projects accomplished so far in 2009 and what is still scheduled for the rest of 2009.

2008-2009 Senior Center Statistics / Funding Formula - Mr. Woodhead reviewed the Senior Center statistics and how it impacts the annual funding formula. He also indicated that Ms. Lindenbaum, Center Director, would be going part-time until 31 Aug 09 and then retire. Ms. Carol Clitherow, the Senior Center Staff Assistant, has agreed to serve as Acting Senior Center Supervisor while a new supervisor is selected.

Welch Pool Day / Last Splash - Mr. Woodhead requested that the Authority approve free admission at the Welch Pool on 7 Sept 09 for the Welch Pool Day (and the Last Splash Ceremony). Park Forest Pool would still charge regular admission on that day. Mr. Hurley moved to have a Free Swim Day at Welch Pool on 7 Sept 09. Dr. Ricketts seconded. All in favor. The Authority was invited to join in the festivities and the ceremony.

2010 Program Plan - Mr. Woodhead indicated that the 2010 Program Plan was on the CD-ROM included with the Board packet and that the 2010 Detailed Budget is being developed. Mr. Woodhead related that the 2010 Budget Hearings for CRPR will be held by the COG Finance Committee on Wed 30 Sep 09 at 8:00 AM.

Supervisor Highlights:

Greg Roth, Parks Supervisor - Mr. Roth indicated that this rainy summer has increased our mowing requirements and decreased our irrigation requirements: In 2008, Fogleman Fields had to be irrigated over 50 times, but during this year (2009) the fields were irrigated only 5 times.

Molly Hetrick, Recreation Supervisor - Nature Center - Ms. Hetrick reported that 36 youth attended Wetlands Camp which will end Friday, 14 Aug 09. An Art Show "Moments at the Marsh" was held at Millbrook Marsh and it was decided that more of these could be held in the future. Ms. Mascolo related that her grandson went to canoe camp at Millbrook and really enjoyed it.

Todd Roth, Aquatic Supervisor for Jeff Hall, Recreation Supervisor for Sports & Fitness - Mr. Hall is finishing up summer programs and planning a lot of new programs for the fall.

Todd Roth, Aquatic Supervisor - This is the last day of swim lessons for the summer. Since both pools will be open through Labor Day, he is busy finding staff (students) to finish out the swim season.

Barbara Lindenbaum, Senior Center Director - Ms. Lindenbaum reported that the seniors are enjoying the county-wide picnic, the bus trip went to Raystown Lake for a cruise, the new electric doors have been installed and so has the new dishwasher.

Beth Lee, Recreation Supervisor for Programs & Special Events - Ms. Lee reported there were over 800 camper registrations this summer and camp ends tomorrow (14 Aug 09). The Fall Leisure Guide will be distributed in the Centre Daily Times on Sunday, 30 Aug 09.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

Circleville Park - A letter was received from Patton Township updating the Agency on the Circleville Park status (with the expanded facilities). Maintaining this expansion was approved for 2009 and the agency has assumed that maintenance.

Municipal Park Ordinances - A letter was received protesting the long-standing prohibition to carry firearms in the municipal parks. Since each municipality approves their own ordinances, a combined response letter from COG is being considered by the municipalities.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. *2008 Auditor's Report for Centre Regional Recreation Authority* - Ms. Conway indicated that the report was very interesting reading and said that it was something she could support. Ms. Conway moved to receive the 2008 Auditor's Report for the Centre Regional Recreation Authority. Mr. Hurley seconded. All in favor.

- B.** *Central Westmoreland Council of Governments* - Mr. Woodhead explained that each year the Authority is asked to re-authorize an associate membership in the Central Westmoreland Council of Governments to allow our participation in their Vehicle and Equipment Purchasing Program. The Associate Membership this year is \$175 but it will be shared with other agencies within the COG. He asked the Authority to approve Resolution #4-2009 to formally renew the membership. Dr. Ricketts moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Conway seconded. All in favor.

IX. PROJECT UPDATES - CONTINUED

A. Park Forest Pool Renewal

Mr. Woodhead didn't have anything to add to the updates provided in the agenda:

1. Contractors continuing to work on the final punch list of jobs on the site.
2. A temporary solution has been completed for the spraypad concrete problem and a permanent solution is being finalized that will be start after Labor Day.
3. Discussions continue with the SCASD and Patton Township concerning handling the excessive flow of stormwater entering from off-site.
4. The project budget projects a remaining balance of \$6,430.86 under the \$3.2 million authorized cost ceiling.
5. It is noted that \$1,450,300 has been drawn from the \$7.9m loan fund.

Ms. Mascolo suggested that more tables be purchased for Park Forest Pool. She indicated they were on sale at Lowe's for \$40.

B. Welch Pool Renewal

Mr. Woodhead indicated he had nothing to add to what had already been presented.

C. Millbrook Marsh Nature Center - Spring Creek Education Building

Mr. Woodhead explained that Millbrook was not selected to receive \$500,000 grant from the PA Energy Development Authority for the Spring Creek Educ. Bldg. He suggested that the Board focus on Millbrook Marsh Nature Center at the September or October meeting. The Authority will have to decide how to proceed with the Spring Creek Education Building. Ms. Hetrick will be meeting with the Advisory Committee, who will make a recommendation to the Authority.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM on a motion by Mr. Hurley and a second by Dr. Ricketts.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING has been scheduled for
Thursday, 10 Sept 09, 12:15 PM, at the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Barn**

These minutes were approved at the Board meeting on 10 Sept 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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