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Approved Summary of Special Meeting

Wednesday, 27 May 09, 1:00 PM

at Wm. L. Welch Community Swimming Pool

I. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Chair Sue Mascolo called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Board members attending (6 of 6):

Sue Mascolo Donna Conway Chris Hurley

Roy Harpster Dr. Donna Ricketts Kathy Matason

Staff: Director Ronald J. Woodhead Parks Supervisor Greg Roth

Office Manager Diane Ishler COG Executive Director James Steff

Guests: Alan Popovich, Architect; Todd Smith, ELA, Inc.;

James Rosenberger & Ron Filippelli, State College Borough; Tom Fountaine, Borough Manager.

Neighbors: Ralph Heimer, Cathy Suhey, Lori Paterno, K.K. Marino

II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - none

III. WELCH POOL RENEWAL

Mr. Woodhead welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming out. He stated the reason for the meeting was to permit the Authority see the bikeway area, hear the concerns of the neighbors, and then consider their response to those concerns. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Smith, who reviewed the draft Welch Pool Master Site Plan and the detailed development plan. He explained the pool plans, the municipal requirements, the property corners, features listed on the plan and where each was located. He indicated where the sewer easement was located and where the relocated bike path was on the drawing. Mr. Heimer and Ms Paterno related that the last time they saw the map the bike path was located in its original location. Ms. Paterno related that in the meetings she attended and when she talked to staff, she was told the bike path would not change; that nothing from the bike path west would change. As more discussion continued it was decided to walk where the new path would go so the Authority could better understand the site. Mr. Smith indicated that he had been going to mark the new path but someone had put in stakes (not in the correct places) and he did not want to get things confused by putting in new markers with a different color. The neighbors indicated they had put the stakes in but they thought they were following the map. Mr. Smith led the group on what would be the relocated path through the woodlot. He emphasized where the path would be in relation to the incorrect stakes and to the boundary lines of the neighbors. It was also clear when walking through the woods that people had been using it as a dump site for yard waste. When the group reached the point where the relocated path would rejoin the old path, it was at the Suhey residence. The Suheys asked the Authority members to see the view from their deck to realize how close the new fence for the pool and the relocated path would be to their property & backyard. Additional discussion followed. The Borough Design Board had met this morning 27 May 09 and they had approved the plan with some conditions: remove the invasive Norway Maples and replace them with native trees. (The full decision from the Design Review Board is not yet available from

the Borough.)

The Authority will continue discussion regarding this issue at their next meeting which will be 11 June 09 at the Park Forest Swimming Pool or at the Patton Township Building. (Update: the meeting will be held at the Patton Twp. Building Meeting Room.)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING has been scheduled for
Thursday, 11 June 09, 12:15 PM, at the Patton Twp. Building Meeting Room**

*This summary was approved at the Board meeting on 11 Jun 09. It 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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