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**Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority Board**

**Meeting Agenda**

for Thursday, 16 October 2014, 12:15 PM

**COG Building ~ Forum Room**

2643 Gateway Drive, State College, PA 16801

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Sue Mascolo, Chair, Township of Ferguson Chris M. Hurley, Vice-Chair, Township of Patton Kathy D. Matason, Secretary, Township of College	Diane J. Ishler, Treasurer, Township of Harris James W. Dunn, Ph.D., Borough of State College Shannon E. Messick, SCASD
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*Ms. Matason is not available to attend this meeting.*

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

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY** (Attachment #1) (ACTION)

The draft meeting summary from 17 Sept 2014 is enclosed for consideration.

**IV. VOUCHER REPORTS – SEPTEMBER 2014** (Attachment #2) (ACTION)

As requested, the Voucher Reports will now include, for informational review, those budget accounts managed by the COG and approved monthly by action of the COG Finance Committee. Monthly Board action to approve all the Authority-managed account vouchers will continue as usual.

**V. SPECIAL PRESENTATION #1 – Welch Pool and the High School Renovation Project.**

While no actions are requested at this meeting, the Board may wish to schedule a special meeting devoted to finalizing action on these topics. For reference, the letter submitted on behalf of the Authority Board to the S.C. Borough Zoning Hearing Board is attached. (Attachment #3)

A. The Director will review the status of the concerns expressed with respect to the current and future location of the ADA parking spaces for Welch Pool patrons. (Attachment #4)

The attached memo was presented to the COG General Forum by Art Anderson on 22 Sep 2014. The COG General Forum has requested an update at their next meeting.

B. Representatives from SCASD will present the current plans for the High School project as it relates to accommodating the 2009 “Shared Access and Parking Agreement” between the District and the Authority. The discussion will include proposals for both the construction phase and for regular operations of the new school facilities. (Attachment Packet #5)

VI. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION #2 – “Final draft” Master Plan for Holmes Foster Park**

Representatives of State College Borough and Stromberg/Garrigan & Associates Inc., Somerset, PA, will present for Board comments a final draft of the Master Plan for Holmes Foster Park. The review by staff from a maintenance and operations perspective will be prepared as soon as the plan is provided.

Funding for this planning project was provided by State College Borough and a grant from PA Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources. Funding for construction, when scheduled, will be the responsibility of State College Borough.

VII. **BOARD MEMBER ITEMS & UPDATES**

Ferguson Twp.	Harris Twp.	College Twp.
Patton Twp.	State College Borough	State College Area School District

VIII. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. Director's Report – Mr. Woodhead

- Staff Activity Report for September *(Attachment #6)*
- 2014 United Way Day of Caring Report (held on 2 Oct 2014) *(Attachment #7)*
- The 2014-2018 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

The Director represented the CRPR Authority at the 8 Oct. workshop in Harrisburg to discuss the draft plan. For the first time, a major priority of the plan will be a focus on assisting local parks and programs across the Commonwealth. The draft plan also builds upon both the economic benefits and the health benefits of outdoor recreation activities. Public comments on the proposed priorities of the draft plan will be accepted through 31 Oct 2014 at:

<http://www.PAOutdoorRecPlan.com/goals/index.htm>

B. Staff Highlights: (Ms. Tourscher, Ms. Hetrick & Mr. Roth are attending the 2014 Congress of the National Recreation & Park Assn. in Charlotte, NC).

The staff listed below will provide the updates:

Mr. Jim Carpenter	Ms. Beth Lee
Ms. Cindy Stahlman	Mr. Jeff Hall

IX. **DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Update on the 2015 Budget Proposals**

The annual budget hearing by the COG Finance Committee was held on 7 Oct 2014. During a line-by-line review of the 8 agency funds, the Committee continued to be supportive of the CRPR budget proposals. The 2015 COG Summary Budget booklet is now being prepared for distribution, which will also be provided to the Board. The proposals will then be presented to the COG General Forum for municipal comments and for municipal action by the end of 2014. Staff appreciates the continued guidance and support of each Board member in developing the proposed 2015 Budgets.

- B. **Presentation of the 2015 Fee Policy** (proposed for November action) (Attachment #8)  
The proposed 2015 Fee Policy is offered for Board consideration with action in November. Proposed changes from 2014 are summarized on the front page of the policy.

All proposals relating to 2015 aquatic fees were presented to the Board in October to enable the sale of 2015 Season Passes in December. The Board may wish to act solely on the 2015 Aquatic Fees at this meeting, or approve them as part of the overall policy on 20 Nov 2014.

- C. **Whitehall Road Regional Park (Phase 1) / Centralized Parks Maintenance Facility**  
The Director will relay the information learned from a scheduled 14 Oct 2014 meeting with the staff of PennTerra Engineering Inc. (the local consultants for Toll Bros.). Planning for these park projects may be resuming pending the items to be provided by Toll Bros. project (schedule, roadway access, utilities and traffic improvements).

- D. **Authorize changing banks for CRPR Authority funds to the First National Bank:**  
c/o Mr. Viglione

The CRPR Authority currently has deposit accounts with the PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT). These accounts have remained under the control of the Borough of State College. All funds are held under the (prior) name as the "Centre Regional Recreation Authority."

In connection with the setup of the new COG Finance Office, the COG Finance Officer is requesting the following actions:

- a) To transfer all funds from PLGIT to the money market accounts at First National Bank. This will provide COG with a 0.63% higher rate of return than the current interest rate at PLGIT. It will also allow for easier migration between the Borough and COG financial systems when the COG financial program is implemented on 1 Jan 2015.
- b) Close the PLGIT accounts for the Centre Regional Recreation Authority.

The Board should discuss the aforementioned staff recommendation, note areas of concern, and decide how to proceed. Should the Board agree with the staff recommendation, a potential motion is:

*"The Centre Region Parks & Recreation Authority Board authorizes the COG Finance Officer, with the assistance of State College Borough staff, to close out the PLGIT bank accounts for the "Centre Regional Recreation Authority" after transferring the funds to First National Bank."*

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 September Meeting Summary (draft)
- 2 September Voucher Report
- 3 Zoning Hearing Board Letter (Welch Pool)
- 4 ADA Parking Letter (Welch Pool)
- 5 SCASD High School Project (Packet)
- 6 September Activity Report
- 7 2014 Day of Caring Report
- 8 2015 Fee Policy (Proposed for November action)

**FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULES**

**Joint Meeting of the COG Parks Capital Comm. & the CRPR Authority Board**

Thur., 13 Nov 2014, 12:15 PM at the COG Building

**CRPR Authority Board - Regular Meeting**

Thur., 20 Nov 2014, 12:15 PM at the COG Building

(A special meeting may also be scheduled, if so authorized.)