



An agency of the Centre Region Council of Governments
Serving the Borough of State College and the Townships of College, Ferguson, Harris and Patton

Meeting Agenda
for Thursday, 17 Sept 2015, 12:15 PM
at Centre Region COG Building – Forum Room

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 Jim W. Dunn, Ph.D., Borough of State College Shannon E. Messick, SCASD
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Mr. Hurley is not able to attend this meeting.

Mr. Woodhead will be out of town for this meeting; Ms. Tourscher will serve as the Acting Director.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC for any item not on the agenda (up to 3 min./person)
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARIES (Attachment #1) (Action)
The draft meeting summary for 20 Aug 2015 is attached for consideration.
- IV. VOUCHER REPORTS from August 2015 (Attachment #2) (Action)
The COG Finance Officer continues to work on obtaining a report with an easier-to-review format.
- V. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS & UPDATES

Ferguson Twp.	Harris Twp.	College Twp.
Patton Twp.	State College Borough	State College Area School District
- VI. STAFF REPORTS
 - A. Director's Report – Presented by Ms. Niki Tourscher, Program Manager / Acting Director
 - 1. Staff Activity Report for August (Attachment #3)
 - 2. The Summer Program Report will be presented at the October meeting of the Board.
 - 3. Project Updates:
 - a. Tennis/Pickleball Re-lining – The Parks Manager will update the Board on progress to seek quotations to reline the 10 tennis courts for dual uses this fall.
 - b. Linden Hall Road Curbing / Guiderail Project – The project is currently out for bids to be opened at 1 PM on Mon. 28 Sep 2015.
 - c. Nature Center Parking Area Project – Now that approval has been received from PA Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources, the project is out for bids to be opened at 1 PM on Mon. 28 Sep 2015.

NOTE: **(Action)**
To allow construction to proceed this fall, a brief, Special Meeting is requested for

12:15 PM at the Nature Center **on Thurs. 1 Oct 2015 OR Fri. 2 Oct 2015** to award the two contracts – if a quorum of the Board is available. Lunch will be provided.

- d. Nature Center Supervisor Position: As advertised in the CDT and online on 18-20 Sept 2015, applications are requested by 12 noon on 30 Sept 2015.
 - e. On 8 Sep 2015, the Ferguson Twp. Board of Supervisors officially named the new park near Pine Grove Mills as “Cecil Irvin Park” – as recommended by this Board in August.
 - f. The 2015 United Way Day of Caring is scheduled for Thur. 1 Oct 2015. Mr. Carpenter will outline planned park projects. The Senior Center will also host a work party to stuff mailers for the Annual United Way Campaign.
4. Review tabled or future agenda items:
- a. Compile options to resume architectural, engineering and funding plans for Whitehall Road Reg. Park (Phase 1). The current application period with Ferguson Twp. for the developer of the adjoining parcel (Toll Bros) will expire on 20 Oct 2015.
 - b. Agency Fundraising Feasibility Study – The development of the RFP is planned within the next 30 days.
 - c. Study closer ADA parking opportunities for Welch Pool. The current ADA spaces remain fully compliant with applicable Building Codes, standards and guidelines.
 - d. Consider action on the Tennis Building Proposal from Centre Region Community Tennis Assn.
 - e. Consider action on the Action Sports Park Proposal (for scooters, bikes, in-lines, skateboards) from Jamie Bestwick and the Bestwick Foundation.
 - f. Consider action on the Bicycle Pump Track Proposal from several local bike organizations.

B. Staff Highlights

Mr. Jim Carpenter, Parks Manager Mr. Jeff Hall, Sports Supervisor Ms. Beth Lee, Rec. Supervisor	Ms. Cindy Stahlman, Sr. Ctr. Supervisor Ms. Melissa Freed, Acting Nature Ctr. Supervisor Mr. Todd Roth, Aquatics Supervisor
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VII. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. **CRPR Child Safety Policy Updates** *(Action)*
Ms. Tourscher will outline and seek Board action for the necessary updates required by changes in state laws/regulations since the CRPR policy was last revised on 18 Jun 2015.
- B. **Centre Region Senior Center Relocation** *(For Discussion)*
The Senior Center opened in the Nittany Mall (Interim Space) on Tues., 1 Sep 2015, as scheduled. Ms. Stahlman will report on those operations to date.
 - Renovation costs of the interim space totaled \$33,500 including architectural fees.
 - Update on the request for funding assistance for the required renovations to the senior center sites from the County Office of Aging c/o Ms. Mascolo and Ms. Tourscher.
 - A **Senior Center Open House** will held at **9:30 AM on Wed. 30 Sep 2015**, opening with a brief ceremony to which Board members, municipal officials and the local media will be invited and recognized.

- Architect Alan Popovich will present to the Board a proposal for a Feasibility Study (with cost estimates / options) for the renovations to the permanent space for the Senior Center. Action on the proposal may be recommended.

C. **The 2016 Budget Proposals**

(For Discussion)

Ms. Tourscher will distribute and discuss draft outlines of the 2016 proposals submitted for COG consideration. The 2016 Budget Hearing by the COG Finance Committee for the agency has been scheduled for Wed., 7 Oct 2015, Noon to 1:15 PM in the COG Building Forum Room. Board members are encouraged to attend; lunch will be provided.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

(Action)

ATTACHMENTS	FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Aug. 20 Mtg. Summary 2 August Voucher Report 3 Staff Activity Report – Aug 2015 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Center Open House / Ceremony Wed. 30 Sept 2015, 9:30 AM at the Nittany Mall • Special Meeting – CRPR Authority Board (proposed) Thur. 1 Oct 2015 OR Fri. 2 Oct. 2015, 12:15 PM at the Nature Center. • 2016 Budget Hearing – COG Finance Comm. Wed. 7 Oct 2015, Noon at the COG Bldg. • Joint Meeting - the COG Parks Capital Comm. & CRPR Auth. Board: Thur., 8 Oct 2015, 12:15 PM at the COG Bldg. • Regular Meeting of the CRPR Authority Board: Thur. 15 Oct 2015, 12:15 PM at the COG Bldg.