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Serving the Borough of State College and the Townships of College, Ferguson, Harris and Patton

Meeting Agenda
for Thursday, 18 June 2015, 12:15 PM
COG Building - Forum Room
2643 Gateway Drive, State College, PA 16801

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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- 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 SUMMARY *(Attachment #1)* ACTION
The draft meeting summary from the Board meeting on 21 May 2015 is attached for consideration.
- IV. VOUCHER REPORTS from May 2015 *(Attachment #2)* ACTION
The COG Finance Officer reports that he continues his work to obtain 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 – Mr. Woodhead
 - Recognition of Molly A. Hetrick, who began work in 2001 as the seasonal Site Coordinator and was named Nature Center Supervisor in 2003. We wish her well in her new position as Manager of Philanthropy at Schlow Centre Region Library.
Program Coordinator Melissa M. Freed, also in attendance, has accepted the offer to advance to Acting Nature Center Supervisor effective Sat., 27 Jun 2015.
A part-time assistant will also be engaged on an hourly basis to assist Ms. Freed with providing the upcoming camps and programs.
 - Based upon pending job offers from the Agency, the Director hopes to introduce to the Board:
 - (1) the new full-time Staff Assistant and
 - (2) the new half-time Staff Assistant, both for the CRPR Main Office.

- Staff Activity Report for May *(Attachment #3)*
- Summer 2015 Staff Roster *(Attachment #4)*
- Program Report for Winter/Spring 2015 c/o Ms. Tourscher *(Attachment #5)*
- Project Updates:
 1. Hess Driveway Improvement Project – Completed and in service.
 2. Linden Hall Road Curbing and Guiderail Project – Review of the plans
 3. Nature Center Parking Area Project – Review of the plans
 4. Agency Fundraising Feasibility Study – The RFP will be developed this summer.
- Review the tabled or future Board agenda items:
 1. Consider the 2016 “new municipal park area” requests (July Board meeting).
 2. Resume architectural, engineering and funding plans for Whitehall Road Reg. Park Phase 1 and the Centralized Parks Maintenance Facility.
 3. Study closer ADA parking opportunities for Welch Pool. The current ADA spaces remain fully compliant with applicable guidelines and with current Building Codes.
 4. Consider the Tennis Building Proposal from Centre Region Community Tennis Assn.
 5. Consider the Action Sports Park Proposal (from scooters, bikes, in-lines, skateboards) from Jamie Bestwick and the Bestwick Foundation.
 6. Consider the Bicycle Pump Track Proposal from the Mt. Nittany Bike Assn.

B. Staff Highlights

Ms. Niki Tourscher, Program Manager Mr. Jim Carpenter, Parks Manager Mr. Jeff Hall, Sports Supervisor (vacation) Ms. Beth Lee, Rec. Supervisor	Ms. Cindy Stahlman, Sr. Ctr. Supervisor Ms. Molly Hetrick, Nature Ctr. Supervisor Mr. Todd Roth, Aquatics Supervisor
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VII. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **Pickleball Requests:** *(Attachment #6)* ACTION

Recently 3 residents asked that additional courts be provided for this activity, which except for a slightly lower net height with pickleball, can be played on a tennis court once the lines for pickleball are added. While the sport is growing in popularity, staff cannot yet recommend adding dedicated facilities due to the costs involved. As an alternative, it is proposed to request each municipality to authorize CRPR staff to add pickleball lines (using an alternate line color) to 2 of their tennis courts, along with the appropriate signs authorizing both tennis and pickleball (except in Harris Twp. with no municipal tennis courts). At that point, 8 tennis/pickleball courts would be available to residents. The three residents have been invited to attend this meeting or to submit a letter with regard to this proposal.

Owner	Municipal Tennis Courts	CRPR Request
College Twp.	Nittany Orchard Park 1 court Dalevue Park 1 court Spring Creek Park 4 courts	That the single courts at Nittany Orchard and Dalevue Parks be dual-lined.
Ferguson Twp.	Suburban Park 2 courts Tudek Memorial Park 2 courts	Both courts at Suburban Park are dual-lined. No further action is requested.
Patton Twp.	Bernel Road Park 4 courts Green Hollow Park 2 courts	That the two courts at Green Hollow Park be dual-lined.
State College Borough	Orchard Park 2 courts Tusseyview Park 2 courts High Point Park 1 court	That the two courts at Tusseyview Park be dual-lined.

ACTION: Board endorsement of this approach is proposed, as well as Board member assistance with seeking their respective municipal approval.

B. Updating the CRPR Child Safety Policy (Attachment #7) ACTION

The CRPR Child Safety Policy was first implemented by the Board in 2003 and was amended in 2007 and in 2012. On 1 July 2015, the applicable requirements of 23 pieces of state legislation to expand the Child Safety procedures will take effect. The most obvious change involves adding the FBI Background Check for staff and volunteers who supervise or come into direct contact with youth. The draft policy has been further updated to reflect the revisions announced by the state on 11 Jun 2015. Staff recommends Board approval of the policy to take effect on 1 July 2015.

C. Parks Recycling Update (Attachment #8) For Discussion

COG Regional Refuse and Recycling Administrator Pamela J. Adams recently relayed an update to thank Agency staff and park visitors for their efforts related to recycling. In 2014 CRPR collectively recycled 1.08 tons of materials. Attached is the data on recycling for 2011-2014. During the 4 years, 3.94 tons was recycled.

This data represents the recycling materials that have been collected at:

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Spring Creek Park Fogleman Field Complex Tom Tudek Memorial Park Circleville Park	Blue Spring Park Bernel Road Park Hess Softball Complex Welch Pool Park Forest Pool	Next year the amounts will include the recycled figures from the newly-opened Oak Hall Regional Park, where 8 recycling containers are in place.
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D. The 2016 Program Plan (Attachment #9) For Discussion

The eight draft CRPR sections of 2016 Program Plan have been submitted to the COG Exec. Director’s Office. The attachment summarizes the draft 2016 priorities for the agency. Board member discussion of the proposed priorities is encouraged.

E. Senior Center Facility Updates For Discussion

Access Update: On 13 May Borough staff informed the agency that the 14-month lane closure on S. Fraser Street would begin on 22 May rather than mid-June, making the lane closure duration a total of 15-months. Staff will provide an update on patron access issues to date.

Relocation Update: Since the relocation process involves real estate negotiations, an Executive Session is authorized by state law and recommended by staff to permit the Board to review the available options. That session can be scheduled at the convenience of the Board.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION

<p>ATTACHMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 May 21 Meeting Summary 2 May Voucher Report 3 Staff Activity Report – May 2015 4 Summer Staff Roster – Summer 2015 5 Winter/Spring 2015 Program Report 6 Pickleball Email Requests 7 Updated CRPR Child Safety Policy 8 Parks Recycling Report 9 2016 Program Plan Draft Summary 	<p>FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Meeting of the COG Parks Capital Comm. & the CRPR Auth. Board: Thur., 9 July 2015, 12:15 PM at the COG Bldg. • Regular Meeting of the CRPR Authority Board: Thur. 16 July 2015, 12:15 PM at <u>SUNSET PARK PAVILION #2</u> in College Heights.
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