



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, 21 May 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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Ms. Messick is not able to attend this meeting.

- 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 #1A/B) (ACTION)
The draft meeting summaries from two Board meeting are attached for consideration:
Attachment 1A: Regular Meeting on 16 April 2015
Attachment 1B: Special Meeting on 23 April 2015
- IV. VOUCHER REPORTS from April 2015 (Attachment #2) (ACTION)
The COG Finance Officer continues to work to obtain a report formatted for easier review.
- V. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS & UPDATES
Ferguson Twp. Harris Twp. State College Area School District
Patton Twp. State College Borough
College Twp. & Nature Center Advisory Committee c/o Ms. Matason
- VI. STAFF REPORTS
 - A. Director's Report – Mr. Woodhead
 - Staff Activity Report for April (Attachment #3A)
 - Project Updates: Hess Driveway Improvement Project
Whitehall Road Regional Park – Phase 1
Linden Hall Road Curbing & Guiderail Project
Nature Center Parking Area Project
Agency Fundraising Feasibility Study
 - “Spring Spruce-Up / Park Partner Day” Report held on 25 Apr 2015 (Attachment #3B)
Mr. Carpenter will review the “Letter of Thanks” as published in the *Centre Daily Times*.

The agency was also recognized for the assistance provided to ClearWater Conservancy's "Watershed Clean-Up Day" held the same day.

- Review Items Previously Tabled:
 1. Update to the CRPR Child Safety Policy (planned for the June meeting)
 2. ADA Parking Evaluation for Wm. L. Welch Community Swimming Pool

B. Staff Highlights

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

A. **The Regional Bike Plan** *For Discussion*

c/o Trish Meek, AICP, Centre Regional Planning Agency

In May 2012, the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) designated the Centre Region as a Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC). As part of the application review and designation, the LAB provided the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) with a feedback report that listed short and long-term recommendations to promote bicycling in the Region. Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA) staff worked with the COG Transportation and Land Use (TLU) Committee to identify and prioritize key actions that should be advanced based on the LAB's recommendations. It was decided that preparation of a Regional Bike Plan would be advanced by COG on behalf of the Region's municipalities, with the TLU Committee providing plan oversight.

In Sept. 2014, CRPA staff made a presentation to the COG General Forum. They are also attending municipal planning commission meetings to introduce the plan and receive input. At this meeting, staff will provide an overview of the plan components and schedule. Board members can provide input and view municipal maps at www.crcog.net/bikes. As part of the discussion, staff is looking for input on proposed bicycle facilities and programs that should be considered in the plan. Plan adoption is scheduled for December 2015.

- Attachment #4A Centre Region Bicycle Facilities Map (Spring 2015)
- Attachment #4B Centre Region Bicycle Plan Schedule
- Attachment #4C Centre Region Bike Plan Public Input Flyer

B. **Senior Center Access & Relocation Updates** (for Fraser Centre construction)

1. S. Fraser St. Access: On 13 May Borough staff informed the agency that the 14-month lane closure on S. Fraser Street will begin on May 22 rather than mid-June (making it a duration of 15-months). As a result, the following access restrictions will occur:

- **For crane setup:** Full closure of S. Fraser St. and the Fraser St. Parking Garage from Monday-Thursday, 18-21 May. As a result, the senior center will be closed 18-25 May.
- **For construction:** Starting Friday, 22 May through mid-August 2016, S. Fraser St. between Beaver Ave. & Calder Way will be one-lane, northbound only. All traffic exiting the Fraser St. Parking Garage must turn right, towards College Ave. We understand that the county vans will be permitted to load and unload at their current locations.

2. Senior Center Relocation: Based upon the action of the Board at the Special Meeting on 23 April, the Borough is drafting an agreement which confirms the lease termination on 31 August. In addition to noting available buildings, staff has started to compile the suggestions for possible locations submitted by the seniors. A newspaper solicitation of proposals is planned for early-June, as well as investigating shared-use opportunities as a temporary location, if needed. The Board and the Centre County Office of Aging will be involved with evaluating all proposals.

C. “New Park” Requests for 2016 *For Discussion*

As provided in the 1988 policy regarding park operations, June 30 is the annual deadline for participating municipalities to submit requests for 2016 CRPR services to new park areas (over 4 acres). Currently, the following requests are pending:

- Harris Township: Tussey Pond Park (park construction is pending a state grant application)
- Ferguson Township: Westfield Farms/Hillside Park Phase 1 (at Pine Grove Mills)

The full proposals will be reviewed at the July Board meeting for possible inclusion in the 2016 Budget Proposals.

D. The 2016 Program Plan *For Discussion*

The 2016 Program Plan will be prepared over the next month. The Director will review with the Board the draft 2016 priorities for each area of the agency and will seek Board member input for revisions or additions.

E. Board Member Items

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

(ACTION)

ATTACHMENTS	FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULES
1A April 16 Meeting Summary 1B April 23 Special Meeting Summary 2 April Voucher Report 3A Staff Report – April 2015 3B CRPR Letter of Thanks in the CDT 4 A/B/C Bike Plan Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Meeting of the COG Parks Capital Comm. & the CRPR Auth. Board: Thur., 11 Jun 2015, 12:15 PM at the COG Bldg. • Regular Meeting of the CRPR Authority Board: Thur. 18 May 2015, 12:15 PM at the COG Bldg.