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**Meeting Agenda**  
for Thursday, 19 May 2016, 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. Dunn will be out of town for 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 #1) (ACTION)  
The draft meeting summary from the Regular Meeting on Thursday, 21 Apr 2016 is attached for consideration.
- IV. VOUCHER REPORTS from March 2016 (Attachment #2 A-B)  
Attachment #2A: The April 2016 Voucher Report is attached for review and approval. (ACTION)  
Attachment #2B: The 30 April 2016 Budget Report (for information only)
- 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 Reports
    - 1. Staff Activity Report for April (Attachment #3)
    - 2. 2016 Centre Foundation Endowment Report (Attachment #4)
    - 3. 2016 “CRPR Spring Spruce-Up Day” Report: Jim Carpenter, Parks Mgr. (Attachment #5)
    - 4. PennDOT US Rt. 322 “Plant Rescue Project” to move native plants to Millbrook Marsh Nature Center: Melissa Freed, Nature Center Supervisor
  - B. Staff Highlights

Mr. Jim Carpenter, Parks Mgr. Ms. Niki Tourscher, Program Mgr. Mr. Jeff Hall, Sports Sup. Ms. Beth Lee, Rec. Sup.	Ms. Cindy Stahlman, Sr. Center Sup. (at the Senior Expo) Ms. Melissa Freed, Nature Center Sup. Mr. Todd Roth, Aquatics Sup.
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## VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

### A. **PROCLAMATION OF “PARKS & RECREATION MONTH”** *(Attachment #6A-B)* **(Action)**

The Board is asked to approve the attached Proclamation in support of the National Recreation and Parks Assn.’s campaign to officially designate July 2016 as “Parks & Recreation Month” in order to:

- Promote the many recreation opportunities across the region,
- Highlight the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CRPR Agency, and to
- Celebrate the ongoing municipal teamwork that has fostered those opportunities for residents and visitors to the Centre Region.

### B. **2016 TOURISM GRANT AWARD from the Central PA Convention & Visitor’s Bureau**

On 11 May, the Board Chair, Director and Program Manager attended the Grant Announcement Ceremony by the Central PA Convention & Visitor’s Bureau; 41 groups had applied for a grant. The successful grants to 33 nonprofit groups included the Authority’s grant application to prepare a brochure to highlight the region’s parks and recreation opportunities, including the swimming pools, Millbrook Marsh Nature Center and other park facilities. The 33 grants totaled \$341,638. Later the Bureau staff informed the awardees of their respective grant amounts; the Bureau awarded \$2,000 of the \$4,000 grant request submitted by the Authority. Given the reduced grant amount, it is expected that the grant funds can proceed with the brochure solely in digital format.

### C. **SENIOR CENTER LEASE AMENDMENT** *(Attachment #7 - pending)* **(Action)**

The mall owner, Namdar Realty LLC, is expected to provide a corrected lease amendment for Board reconsideration at this meeting. Based upon phone conversations, the costs of the lease are expected to remain within the funds approved by the COG and the County in late-January. Upon receipt, the proposed amendment and a cost analysis will be distributed to the Board in advance of consideration of the lease. Upon the Board’s approval of the lease amendment, the mall can proceed with the necessary renovations.

### D. **RENAMING OPTIONS FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER** **(Action)**

*(This topic was postponed from the April meeting.)* Since the relocation to the interim space at the Nittany Mall on Sept. 1, 2015, renaming the Centre Region Senior Citizen Center has been discussed. There was a strong feeling that the renaming would be appropriate upon the relocation to the larger space at the Mall in mid-to-late August, and would assist in attracting more age 55+ participants to the new location. As requested by the Board, the staff introduced the idea to the participants and name suggestions starting pouring in. The suggestions from both participants and staff were combined into a ballot with 15 name choices for patrons. After a month-long voting period, the top three choices by patrons were:

- A. Centre Region Active Adult Center
- B. Centre Region Senior Social Center
- C. Centre Region Center for Healthy Aging

Based upon these results, staff recommends the following motion: *“The Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority Board approves, upon opening in the new, larger space at the Nittany Mall, updating the name of the Centre Region Senior Center to the “Centre Region Active Adult Center” to*

*more accurately reflect the mission and vision for adults age 55+.”*

Renaming the Senior Citizen’s Center to the **Centre Region Active Adult Center** will allow CRPR and the Center to stay current with a nationwide trend to move beyond the word “senior.” The proposed name has been endorsed by the Centre County Office of Aging. Many industry professionals have reported that the emerging senior population, including Baby Boomers, do not consider themselves to be “seniors.” Removing “senior” from the Center’s name will enable the center to continue service to our long-time, dedicated participants, and to welcome a new segment of the community. The new name will be combined with an ongoing efforts to introduce new programs and healthy living initiatives, making the Center appealing to ALL adults, ages 55 and older.

**E. OAK HALL REGIONAL PARK DRIVEWAY PROJECT** (Attachment #8 - pending) (Action)

Based upon the engineering project prepared by Stahl-Sheaffer Engineering, ten contractors were invited to submit quotations for the revised drainage project at the base of the Oak Hall Regional Park driveway. The construction plans have obtained the approval of PennDOT, College Township and Mr. & Mrs. Smith. The quotation deadline is at noon on Monday, 16 May 2016. When available, a summary of the quotations and a recommendation from the Engineer and staff will be presented for Board consideration / action.

**F. THE 2017 COG PROGRAM PLAN** (Attachment #9) (Action)

As outlined at the April Board meeting, in order to meet the approved budget process, a proposal was approved by the COG Human Resources Committee to continue exploring the need to add a 20 hour/week Staff Assistant / Receptionist (no benefits) for the Welcome Desk (working M-F 10AM – 2 PM) at the new, larger Senior Center in 2017. Attachment #9 was presented to the HR Committee. The cost would be shared equally with Centre County. Volunteers would continue to assist at the Welcome Desk, but more consistency is necessary at that workstation so that staff can better coordinate visitors and programs.

Staff requests Board authorization to continue to explore this staff addition as the proposed 2017 agency budgets are compiled. The proposed budgets will then be presented to the Board for action once all costs are determined.

**G. AGENCY DIRECTOR TRANSITION**

In view of the scheduled retirement of the current Director on 31 Aug 2016, Mr. Steff has asked that this topic continue on each Board agenda so that updates can be provided.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

(ACTION)

ATTACHMENTS	FUTURE MEETINGS
1 Apr. 21 Meeting Summary 2A-B April Finance Reports 3 Staff Activity Report – Apr. 2016 4 2016 Endowment Report 5 2016 Spruce-Up Day Report 6A-B P&R Month Proclamation 7 Sr. Center Lease Amendment* 8 Summary of Driveway Quotes* 9 Sr. Ctr. Staff Asst. Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Meeting - the COG Parks Capital Comm. &amp; CRPR Auth. Board: Thur., 9 June 2016, 12:15 PM at the COG Bldg.</li> <li>• Regular Meeting of the CRPR Authority Board: Thur., 16 June 2016, 12:15 PM at the COG Bldg.</li> </ul>

*\*To be distributed when available.*