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Meeting Agenda
for Thursday, 21 Apr 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 & Asst. Sec., Twp. of Harris Jim W. Dunn, Ph.D., Borough of State College Shannon E. Messick, SCASD
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Ms. Matason and Mr. Hurley are unable to attend.

- 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, 24 Mar 2016 is attached for consideration.
- IV. VOUCHER REPORTS from March 2016 (Attachment #2 A-B) (ACTION)
Attachment #2A: The March 2016 Voucher Report is attached for review and approval.
Attachment #2B: The 31 March 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 March (Attachment #3)
 - 2. Invitation to Friday 22 Apr 2016 Award Ceremony at nature center (Attachment #4)
 - 3. Grant Applications submitted c/o Ms. Tourscher & Ms. Freed:
(1) Central PA Convention & Visitor’s Bureau, (2) PA. Dept. of Aging (for proposed senior center furnishings at the permanent space in late-2016) and (3) Walmart Foundation.
 - 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. Ms. Melissa Freed, Nature Center Sup. Mr. Todd Roth, Aquatics Sup. (at recycling award ceremony)
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VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. PROPOSALS FROM FOOD CONCESSIONAIRES (Attachment #5) (Action)

On March 24 the Board authorized one 2016 concession permit for vending machine services, two permits for novelty concessions, and directed a rebid for the food concession permits. The rebid period closed at 11 AM on Wed. 13 Apr 2016. Program Manager Niki Tourscher will review the attached summary of the proposals submitted to provide food services at Oak Hall Regional Park and Hess Softball Complex. The summary includes the staff recommendations with respect to Board actions regarding the 2016 food concession permits.

B. SENIOR CENTER LEASE AMENDMENT

The proposed Lease Amendment, provided by the Mall Owner and approved by the Board on March 24, was signed by the Board Chair (following the Solicitor's approval) and returned to the Mall Owner in New York. The agreement has not yet been signed by the Mall Owner; efforts continue to finalize this process. Mr. Woodhead will provide an update to the Board. If additional Board action is required, the details will also be presented for consideration.

C. RENAMING OPTIONS FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER (Action)

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 paired well upon the relocation to the larger space at the Mall, and would be a key tool to attracting more age 55+ participants to the new location. As requested by the Board, the Center staff introduced the idea to the participants and name suggestions starting pouring in. Participant name suggestions, along with staff recommendations, were combined into a ballot with 15 name choices for voting by 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 those results, staff is pleased to recommend 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**, upon opening at its permanent location, will allow CRPR and the Center to stay current with a nationwide trend to move beyond the word “senior.” Many industry professionals have reported that the emerging senior population, including Baby Boomers, do not consider themselves to be “seniors.” By removing “senior” from the Center's name, CRPR will be able to continue service to our long-time, dedicated participants, but also 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.

D. DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES FOR THE 2017 COG PROGRAM PLAN (*Attachment #6A & 6B*)

As staff begins to prepare the 2017 Program Plan, the focus will move to identifying those Work Priorities. As part of that, the Board should identify any priorities that were not listed on:

1. Attachment #6A: The “2017 Priorities of the CRPR Authority Board” (*Attachment #6A*) prepared earlier for the COG General Forum.
2. Attachment #6B: The approved “2016 Work Plan” for the agency. These priorities will provide the basis to move into 2017.

For example, due to the increased patronage at the Senior Center, staff are exploring the need to add a 20 hour/week Staff Assistant / Receptionist (no benefits) for the Welcome Desk (working M-F 10AM – 2 PM). The cost would be shared 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.

E. 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 MEETING SCHEDULE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Mar. 24 Meeting Summary 2A Mar. Voucher Report 2B Mar. Budget Report (<i>pending</i>) 3 Staff Activity Report – Mar. 2016 4 Apr. 22 Ceremony Invitation 5 2nd Food Proposal Summary 6A/B 2017 Work Goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Meeting - the COG Parks Capital Comm. & CRPR Auth. Board: Thur., 12 May 2016, 12:15 PM at the COG Bldg. • Regular Meeting of the CRPR Authority Board: Thur., 19 May 2016, 12:15 PM at the COG Bldg.