

CENTRE REGION PARKS & RECREATION AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES *(Approved with revision)*
June 20, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Sue Mascolo called the meeting of the CRPR Authority Board to order at 12:15 PM at Tom Tudek Park Pavilion #2 with the following individuals in attendance:

Board (4 of 6): Mses. Mascolo, Matason, Ricketts; Mr. Hurley

Others: Messrs. Woodhead, Director; Carpenter, Parks Manager; Roth, Aquatics Supervisor; Wenger, Reg. Parks Construction Manager; Robertson, CRPR Intern; Mses. Tourscher, Program Manager; Lee, Recreation & Special Events Supervisor; Hetrick, Nature Center Supervisor; Foulsham, CRPR Intern; Plozner, Senior Center Supervisor; Kisslak, Office Manager.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - No comments.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Hurley and seconded by Ms. Matason to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2013, CRRA Board meeting as presented. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

IV. VOUCHER REPORT

Motion was made by Mr. Hurley and seconded by Dr. Ricketts to accept the May 2013 vouchers as presented. Vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS & MEMBER UPDATES

Patton Township held their first public planning meeting for Gray's Woods Park with good attendance, showing strong community interest (including the State College Birding Club) in the development of this park. The Open House at Bernel Road Park on June 1 was well attended. Mr. Jamie Bestwick proposed a skate-park idea to Patton Township for consideration at Circleville Park. As the park is considered fully Master-Planned, the committee referred Mr. Bestwick to the Regional Board for further consideration at a different location.

For the Harris Twp. Report, Mr. Carpenter updated the Board on the dedication of Harpster Park. The event was well attended.

Ms. Matason reported on the Township Parks Tour conducted by College Twp. Parks & Recreation Committee on June 17.

The SCASD Community Forums on the new High School building continue. 6,000 surveys were sent out at random to the community for input.

Chairperson Mascolo recognized Todd Roth and the Aquatics staff for the June rescue at Welch Pool of a patron who suffered cardiac arrest. The rescue was highlighted in the local newspaper. Mr. Woodhead summarized Phase 3 of the Tudek Park plan which opened June 1.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

The May Activity and Winter/Spring 2013 Program Report were presented by the Director with no questions. The KaBOOM! Playground Build Day at Orchard Park will be held on Tuesday, June 25 with the ribbon cutting at 1:30 PM. PlayWorld Systems playground equipment will be installed by volunteers (with CRPR, municipal and PlayWorld factory staff assistance) including the PA Leagues of Cities & Municipalities during their annual convention to be held locally this year. The project is paid by a grant, with matching funds from the Borough of State College.

Staff highlighted items of interest for the Board. There are 14 teams in the new Adult Bocce League, which is very popular. All staff have completed the mandated reporting training as required by the CRPR Child Safety Policy. Teams that played in the tournaments at Hess Field are being surveyed by the ASA representatives who are providing the data back to the agency. Staff will survey camp and program participants to find out how to improve programming. The Senior Center Supervisor, Program Manager & CRRA Board Chair visited the Philipsburg Senior Center to see how they do things compared with our Senior Center. The Senior Swim program has started at Welch Pool with the assistance of the Aquatics Supervisor. There are 120 people signed up for the Senior Games Luncheon to date.

Intern Evan Foulsham gave a brief report of her progress through the various divisions of the agency. Summer camps are working with the Library to aid the Summer Reading Program as well as placing a Book Swap Bin at both pools where people can borrow a book and/or donate a book as needed. Touch a Truck will be June 29 from 1-4 PM. Patton Township indicated they would support a bike rodeo at the new Bernel Road Park. Daily admissions at the pools are down (weather related) however season passes sales are up. There is a new early morning Aqua-Fit class at Welch pool which is popular. The rescue at Welch Pool has been evaluated and emergency personnel said that early use of CPR and AEDs are saving lives. Music nights at the Marsh are starting as well as the Romantic Moonlight Walk on Father's Day weekend which is well attended with over 70 walkers.

Mr. Wenger hosted a walking tour on June 18 at Oak Hall Regional Park highlighting progress on the project. If the Board wishes to see the progress of the project at any time, please contact the office to arrange a tour.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Following a motion by Mr. Hurley and seconded by Ms. Matason, the authority unanimously approved "that the Authority award, contingent upon staff confirmation of references, the **compost hauling contract to CMJ Hauling, Inc.**, State College, for a Total Lump Sum bid of \$8,483.00 with a unit price of \$4.99 per cubic yard for greater or lesser quantities than 1,700 cubic yards." The compost itself, normally priced at \$5 per cubic yard, is being donated by UAJA to this project.

Following a motion by Mr. Hurley and seconded by Dr. Ricketts, the authority unanimously approved “that the Authority Board endorse the Master Site Plan for the **Centralized Parks Maintenance Building at Whitehall Road Regional Park** for presentation to the participating municipalities at the June General Forum meeting.”

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Program Plan – the 2014 Program Plan will be available to the Board at the July meeting. Highlights of the eight budgets have been summarized and any comments are welcome. The Board would like to consider eventually moving the Senior Center out of downtown to a more traffic friendly location.

Fundraising Updates – Mr. Woodhead briefed the Board on the status of the Visitor’s Bureau funding requested. Staff needs to complete the “Priority Scheduling Policy” and update the “Donation policy” for facility naming options.

Regional Park Update – Mr. Wenger summarized that the major earthwork at Oak Hall Regional Park is approx. 90% complete. The fine grading will begin now and then topsoil placement will follow in August. Underground storm water and utilities as well as concession stand construction will also begin in August. The project is approx. 16% billed for total construction on the park. This is on schedule and on budget. Discussions about the proposed water well lease agreement are also in progress with the College Township Water Authority.

The land development plan will begin next week with Ferguson Township for the Whitehall Road Regional Park. There is some concern about how the timetable for the Toll Bros. Student Housing Project will impact the park development schedule.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, the June meeting of the CRRA Board was adjourned. The board will meet next on July 18, 2013 at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Christeen J. Kisslak, Recording Secretary