

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2016**

PRESENT: Derek Kalp, Chair
Jude Simpson, Vice Chair
Kathleen Matason
David Schulte
Sue Smith
Judi Sittler
Earl Moore
Joe Malizia

STAFF: Kent Baker, Township Engineer

ABSENT: Dean Lawrence

AUDIENCE: Dan Miller, P.E., Pennoni Associates

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order by Mr. Kalp at 7:06 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

OB-1 SPRING CREEK PARK RENOVATIONS

Dan Miller with Pennoni Associates was present at the meeting for continued discussions on the restroom renovations. After reviewing both CXT and Mr. Kalp's rendering of the proposed restroom (stick build), and budget prepared by Alexander Construction Company, Parks and Rec deliberated on which design was most fitting for the park. Discussion was held on the exterior finish, heating (possibly solar heating). Ms. Smith liked the side entrance to the restroom with possible skylights.

Mr. Malizia asked if the budget is \$250,000. Mr. Baker confirmed that it is, but stated that it can be somewhat flexible with other projects in the five-year plan.

Mr. Moore wanted to confirm that both designs had "flood vents" given that the park is partially in a flood zone. Mr. Miller confirmed that the CXT model had flood vents and was self-draining. Ms. Matason liked the pre-cast model i.e. longevity but was on the fence relative to the stick building. She is anxious to get the project going. Mr. Moore wanted to let PR members know that wall hanging on a block building is a much more difficult process i.e. sinks, etc.

Mr. Kalp moved to recommend to Council to approve a budget for construction of the alternative stick building restroom;
Ms. Simpson seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Baker indicated that this issue would go before Council at the April 7 Council meeting along with presentation of the Park and Recreation Committee 2015 Annual Report by Mr. Kalp.

The Spring Creek pedestrian bridge was also discussed. It still is in need of ADA ramps. It was decided that the Township road crew personnel will finish the ramps. Mr. Kalp wanted to confirm that the railings and ramps would match the bridge. Mr. Baker confirmed this. He also confirmed that the Township Manager, Adam Brumbaugh would like to see this project completed soon and in accordance with ADA standards.

Mr. Miller indicated that he would go out to the site and stake it so that members could see the length of the ramps in relation to the pathway and road.

PARKS REPORTS:

Parks were reassigned to new members, Mr. Malizia and Mr. Moore.

Ms. Matason submitted a written report but wanted to mention that the senior center was taking longer to finalize details. They are in the Nittany Mall at this time in a temporary store front. She also mentioned that the Whitehall Road/Toll Bros. project is involved in a lawsuit now.

Ms. Sittler reported that Cairns Crossing has a fallen tree that needs to be taken away. She also indicated that Adam Smith volunteered to be the Conservation Steward at Spring Creek Estates park since he worked on the creekside improvements.

Ms. Sittler reported that he would like to see more trees at the Gordon Kissinger Open Space. Mr. Schulte reported that top soil and grass needs to be planted where the tether ball was taken out at Mt. Nittany Terrace.

Mr. Kalp reported that the poison hemlock is budding at Spring Creek Park. He suggested that perhaps it would be a good time to take a look at spraying since it is noticeably greener than the other vegetation.

Mr. Baker reported that Thompson Woods is developing a forest restoration plan. Public input is encouraged and there will be a walking tour/meeting on May 11 beginning at the parking lot.

MINUTES:

**Mr. Schulte moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2016 Recreation Committee Meeting as revised;
Ms. Matason seconded the motion;
Motion carried unanimously.**

The next meeting will be May 16, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

The March 21, Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Kalp at 8:29 p.m.

Linda Magro
Recording Secretary

Parks Reports:

College Township Parks and Recreation Committee

March 21, 2016

Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority

January 21, 2016

Reorganization: officers retained. Sue Mascolo, Ferguson Township, Chair; Chris Hurley, Patton Township, Vice Chair; Kathy Matason, College Township, Secretary; Diane Ishler, Harris Township, Treasurer.

No action items.

Discussed the proposed 2016 CRPR Work Plan, park and swimming pool concession licenses, and Senior Center renovations.

The next scheduled meeting is on February 18, 2016, 12:15 PM, in the COG Forum Room.

February 18, 2016

Recognized June Brown for 60 consecutive summers of CRPR service.

Approved unanimously the proposed 2016 CRPR Work Plan.

Discussed 2017 Authority Board Priorities.

Discussed renovations for the Senior Center at the Nittany Mall.

Discussed the fundraising feasibility study. Plans are that the Board will choose the consultant (out of two presented in December) at the March meeting.

Reviewed proposed updates to the job description for CRPR Director to be used during the recruitment process.

Discussed a proposal from Stahl-Sheaffer Engineering LLC to prepare a Feasibility Study and Cost Estimate to provide an interim access and selected utilities to Whitehall Road Regional Park.

Approved a proposal from Stahl-Sheaffer Engineering LLC for engineering services for an alternative solution to the Linden Hall Road Drainage Project. The sole bid for the original curbing/guiderail project was rejected in fall 2015 due to excessive cost.

Approved Change Order #1 for Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Parking Area Project.

The next scheduled meeting is on March 17, 2016, 12:15 PM, in the COG Forum Room.

March 17, 2016 – postponed to March 24, 2016 due to lack of quorum.

COG Parks Capital Committee (Joint meeting with Centre Region Parks & Recreation Authority)

January 14, 2016

Reorganization: Tom Daubert, State College Borough, Chair; Carla Stilson, College Township, Vice Chair.

Reviewed the 2015 Parks & Program Report and the proposed 2016 CRPR Work Plan. D

Senior Center renovations will be more costly than estimated by about \$124,000. The COG Finance Committee has voted to guarantee the amount in order for renovations to be started. The Authority Board is considering alternative funding sources including fundraising. Participation is up by 57% since the move. Discussions are underway with the County regarding increased participation from areas outside of the Centre Region (i.e. Benner Township).

The next meeting will be on February 11, 2016 12:15 PM, in the COG Forum Room

February 11, 2016 – cancelled

March 10, 2015

Reviewed the 2017 priorities completed by the Authority Board in February. Made some additions to the list. After review by Mr. Steff, the summary will be presented to the COG Executive Committee.

The Authority Board approved the proposal from Stahl-Sheaffer Engineering for a feasibility study for Alternative Access to the Whitehall Road Regional Park in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.

The next meeting will be on April 14, 2016, 12:15 pm, in the COG Forum Room.

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee

March 16, 2016

Reorganization: Jennifer Shuey, Chair; Alan Sam, Vice Chair.

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center is the 2016 recipient of the DCNR/Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society Green Park Award.

Book Benches of Centre County selected MMNC as a site host for one of their benches. All materials were donated to the Nature Center and installation was completed on February 4, 2016.

The DCNR grant application for Phase II of construction of the Spring Creek Education Building has been postponed until 2017, based on the Director transition, the status of other CRPR Capital projects, and due to the additional \$90,000+ in pledges needed.

Discussed the proposed action to hire a fundraising consultant.

Penn Hills,

Mulch needs to be added in play areas and under picnic tables...getting somewhat thin. Large dead branch in grass near slide needs to be removed. Mound area and base

boundaries (1st, 2nd and 3rd) would be a nice addition to the ball field. Home plate is already installed.

Nittany Orchard,

Nittany Orchard looks great with work already completed....mulch, painting of go-round, painting of picnic tables and new table. Oak tree needs to be trimmed back 2-3 away from park bench overlooking play area. Basketball court lines need to be repainted.

Oak Grove,

I don't know if storm water retention area is township responsibility but leaves need to be removed from bank area near route 322. Mutt mitts are out and need to be replaced. Swing set rails need to be repainted due to rusting. Mulch needs to be added to areas where roots are exposed. Slider needs to be lubricated. New picnic table looks awesome.

That's it for me.

Regards,
Dean