

**ATTENDANCE:**

BOARD	Elliot Abrams, Chair Bryce Boyer, Vice-Chair George Downsborough, Jr., Supervisor Jeff Luck, Supervisor Walt Wise, Supervisor
STAFF	Doug Erickson, Township Manager Lawrence Pegher, Finance Director Betsy Dupuis, Solicitor
ABSENT	John Petrick, Chief of Police
AUDIENCE	C-NET (3) Scott Miller, Resident Trish Meek, CRPA Anne Forbes, MACC Program Monica Gardner, MACC Program Lindsay Cowell, MACC Program Melissa Mueller, MACC Program Josh Troxell, Resident Jim Steff, CRCOG Nathan Geiger, Resident Joe Viglione, CRCOG Jeremy Hartley, CDT Kate Domico, Planning Commission

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The November 4, 2015 Patton Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the Township Municipal Building was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Elliot Abrams.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Downsborough moved to approve the October 14, 2015 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Wise, the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Luck abstaining.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Miller stated that he is concerned about the speeding on Clearview Avenue and suggested getting a speed bump or rumble strips on the street.

Mr. Erickson stated that the first step would be to talk to the neighbors to see if there is interest in a speed bump or rumble strips to be placed on the street.

Mr. Luck stated that it is possible but the Township has to follow steps per neighbor's request.

**4. PUBLIC WORKS**

**a. Resolution to Accept PennDOT Grant for Valley Vista Drive Turning Lanes Project**

Township staff has had a first meeting with PennDOT staff from the Municipal Services Bureau who will be providing oversight on the project. A standard reimbursement agreement is being prepared. PennDOT is providing \$800,000 of the estimated project costs of \$1,236,500. A graphic from the grant application showing the location of the four intersections to be improved was included with the agenda materials.

4. **PUBLIC WORKS (CONTINUED)**

a. **Resolution to Accept PennDOT Grant for Valley Vista Drive Turning Lanes Project (CONTINUED)**

PennDOT requires the Township to adopt a resolution accepting the grant award and authorizing the Township Manager/Secretary to sign/execute the reimbursement agreement and other documents as required for the project.

A copy of the draft Resolution 2015-013 (with the wording as required by PennDOT) was included with the agenda materials. The Board should consider action to adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Erickson stated that once the agreement is in place, we can proceed with selecting an engineering firm to prepare the construction plans and specifications.

Mr. Luck moved to adopt Resolution 2015-013 and authorized the Township Manager/Secretary to sign/execute the reimbursement agreement and other documents as required for the project. Seconded by Mr. Downsbrough, the motion passed 5-0.

b. **Award Bids for 2016 Public Works Materials Contracts**

The Township has advertised for and received bids for the supply of concrete, asphalt, and bituminous road materials. The bids were opened on October 30, 2015.

The Public Works Director recommends awarding contracts as follows:

2016 Concrete – Centre Concrete Co.

2016 Aggregates (gravel and stone products) – Hanson Aggregates

2016 Bituminous Material (asphalt paving products) – GOH, Inc.

The Township Engineer's Bid Tabulations and recommendation were included with the supplemental information.

It is recommended that the Board award the contracts for materials as recommended by the Engineer, and authorize the Manager to execute the agreements.

Mr. Luck moved to awarding contracts to Centre Concrete Co for 2016 Concrete, Hanson Aggregates for 2016 Aggregates and GOH, Inc. for 2016 Bituminous Material. Seconded by Mr. Boyer, the motion passed 5-0.

5. **PLANNING AND ZONING**

a. **Planning Commission Report**

Ms. Domico stated that at the Planning Commission meeting the Centre Region Bicycle Plan was discussed in detail. She stated that they discussed the rules and regulations of bicycle riding.

Mr. Luck stated that he agrees that educating people on the bicycles rules and regulations is very important.

5. **PLANNING AND ZONING**

b. **Planning Commission Recommendations**

The Planning Commission held their November meeting on Monday, November 2, 2015. The following information was included on their agenda:

**CENTRE REGION BICYCLE PLAN**

Ms. Meek stated that in May 2012, the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) designated the Centre Region as a Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community. 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.

In 2014, the Transportation and Land Use (TLU) Committee directed the Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA) to prepare a Regional Bike Plan on behalf of the Centre Region municipalities. The TLU Committee agreed to provide oversight for preparation of the plan, with input from the Centre Region Bicycle Advisory Committee.

CRPA worked with the TLU Committee over the past year to prepare a Draft Centre Region Bike Plan. Public involvement activities included presentations at local planning commission and recreation committees and an on-line survey to gather information about the needs of bicyclists. The Draft Plan and Executive Summary can be found at [www.crcog.net/bikes](http://www.crcog.net/bikes).

An Executive Summary of the Draft Centre Region Bike Plan and a Centre Region Bike Plan public meeting flyer are attached for your information. (End of PC agenda materials)

The Planning Commission reviewed the Plan at their November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and offered the following comments:

1. The Planning Commission requested clarification of the term "Bike Route". It is shown as a bike facility on the "Facility Type Preference – Overall" slide from the PowerPoint, but is not defined in the Plan.
2. There was a question regarding the type of winter maintenance provided by each municipality. The Manager and CRPA staff explained that winter maintenance it is at the discretion of the municipality, but a regional approach may be appropriate where shared paths connect.
3. The Planning Commission asked why only Atherton was proposed for signs. CRPA staff explained signs were to mark a clear bike route along the Atherton Street corridor.
4. The Planning Commission wanted to have more about safety signs in the Plan. CRPA staff suggested that would be a part of the education and encouragement policy section.
5. There was a question regarding bike lanes on the Waddle Road bridge project over I-99. The Manager confirmed there will be striped bike lanes on the bridge.
6. The Planning Commission commented that where there are street crossings, they should be coordinated with traffic signals, not separate if possible. The example cited was the crossing on Science Park Road near Grace Prep.
7. The Planning Commission concurred with the Patton Township RAC recommendation for a bicycle connection on Meeks Lane, between Grays Woods Boulevard and Sellers Lane.

Plan adoption is anticipated at the December 2015 General Forum meeting

5. **PLANNING AND ZONING (CONTINUED)**

b. **Planning Commission Recommendations (CONTINUED)**

Mr. Boyer pointed-out that bikes as well as cars need to abide by the rules of the road.

Mr. Downsborough asked Mr. Luck if he feels comfortable with taking the Planning Commission comments to TLU. Mr. Luck answered yes.

Mr. Luck moved to sending the Planning Commission comments to TLU and adding the recommended additional corridors as identified in this meeting (Meeks Lane, Clearview/Alder, and Martin/Cornflower connector). Seconded by Mr. Downsborough, the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Luck stated that there was a discussion at TLU about the safety of bicyclist, pedestrians and vehicles.

6. **ADMINISTRATION**

a. **ABC Committee Report**

The ABC Committee (Supervisors Abrams and Downsborough) made the following nomination for appointment to Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions:

Wendy Pardee – Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Board of Directors to fill a partial term due to resignation. Appointment to be effective November 25, 2015.

Ms. Pardee would be eligible for reappointment for a full five-year term beginning in 2016.

The Board should consider action to make the appointment as recommended.

Mr. Luck moved to appoint Wendy Pardee to the Centre Area Transportation Authority Board of Directors effective November 25, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Boyer, the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Downsborough asked about getting a formal feedback and if it could be included with the ABC Appreciation Dinner. The Board concurred and instructed Mr. Erickson to include that in the program.

b. **Council of Governments Budget Review**

Mr. Erickson stated that the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) General Forum has forwarded the 2016 Summary Budget to the municipalities for review and comment. A pdf copy of the Summary Budget was included with the electronic version of the agenda or can be viewed or downloaded at: [click here](#)

Comments from the Board will be provided to the COG Executive Director and the Finance Committee.

The Board members had no further comments on the COG budget.

c. **C-NET Re-use/Re-transmission Policy**

The C-NET Board of Directors is asking member agencies to re-affirm or change who is responsible “to grant or deny permission, on a case by case basis, for the re-use of portions, segments, or “clips” of Patton Township sponsored C-NET programs.” See letter, Re-use Policy, and designating form included with the agenda materials.

6. **ADMINISTRATION**

c. **C-NET Re-use/Re-transmission Policy (CONTINUED)**

The current Patton Township policy designates the Manager as the contact point for permission to use portions, segments, or “clips”. There have been no requests made to the Manager in the last 5 years.

The Manager recommends that the current policy be extended.

Mr. Luck moved to extend the current policy and designate the Manager as the contact point for permission to use portions, segments or “clips”. Seconded by Mr. Boyer, the motion passed 5-0.

7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

a. **Development Update – included with Planning Commission Agenda**

Mr. Erickson stated that the Development Update was included with the Planning Commission Agenda.

b. **ABC Dinner – tentative for Friday, January 22nd**

Mr. Erickson stated that the annual ABC Dinner is scheduled for Friday, January 22, 2016.

c. **Waddle Road Interchange Improvement Project**

Mr. Erickson stated that PennDOT will be having a pre-construction meeting on November 9, 2015.

d. **I-99 Final Inspections**

Mr. Erickson stated that the Final Inspection of the I-99 construction project was on November 3, 2015.

e. **Best of Parks**

Mr. Erickson stated that he received a notice that the Bernel Park got best Playground and that Circleville Park got Bronze for Best Park from the Best of State College survey.

f. **PSU Reception**

Mr. Erickson stated that invitations for a PSU Reception with Dr. and Mrs. Barron were recently received but unfortunately it is on the same night as the December Board meeting. The Board agreed to consider options for rescheduling the meeting in order to attend.

g. **Park Forest Avenue**

Mr. Erickson stated that he sent a letter to the District Executive in regards to Park Forest Avenue and has not seen any movement from PennDot.

Mr. Abrams asked about inviting residents who will be effected by the no left hand turns to come to the Board meeting. Mr. Erickson stated that he will put it on the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board Agenda.

Mr. Downsborough stated that he feels that the signage is going to have to go up in order to get the Highway Occupancy Permit released to the developer.

Ms. Dupuis stated that the Township has the right not to put up the sign if residents are against it.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Abrams stated that he missed the General Forum meeting.

Mr. Luck stated that at the joint TLU/CRPC meeting the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Program (CHIP) for 2017 was discussed.

Mr. Luck asked the Board about him leaving Parks Capital at end of this year and move to Public Services and Environment since Mr. Boyer will no longer be a Board member next year.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no other business.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, by Mr. Luck's motion and Mr. Downsborough's second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

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Douglas J. Erickson, Township Secretary