

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD Betsy Whitman, Chair
 Elliot Abrams, Vice-Chair
 Daniel Treviño, Supervisor
 Jessica Buckland, Supervisor
 Pamela Robb, Supervisor

STAFF Doug Erickson, Township Manager
 Lawrence Pegher, Finance Director
 Betsy Dupuis, Solicitor
 Stephen Casson, Township Engineer
 Tyler Jolley, Chief of Police
 Nicole Pollock, Planner
 Susan Wheeler, Project Manager

ABSENT

AUDIENCE	C-NET (3)	Sylvia Neely, Citizens Climate Lobby
	Jennifer Myers, V.P ., CBICC	Scott Walker, General Manager, Spikes
	Pam Adams, COG-CRPA	Douglas Mason, Sierra Club Moshannon Group
	Jim Payne, Resident	Ernest Boyd, Sierra Club Moshannon Group
	Anita Thies, Resident	Jessica Chou, Penn State
	Alan Sam, State College Borough	

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The February 26, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chair Whitman at 7:00PM.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Whitman announced the resignation of Ms. Buckland as Supervisor of the Board of Supervisors effective March 25, 2020.

3. **PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a. **Save our Spikes**

From CentreDaily.com:

[BY BRET PALLOTTO](#) NOVEMBER 18, 2019 11:50 AM

The State College Spikes are one of 42 minor league baseball teams that could have their affiliation with a major league team severed under a new MLB proposal, according to [a New York Times report](#).

The radical proposal would convert some teams from the lower-level minor leagues — short-season, rookie ball and lower Class A — into a Dream League of undrafted players, the NYT reported.

Teams would be co-owned and operated by MLB and MiLB, which would be a departure from the current system. The vast majority of teams are independently owned and operated.

“It would be detrimental to the community. We believe that the Happy Valley community — with a growing resident base and a growing visitor base — would be an illogical place to cut a franchise,” [Happy Valley Adventure Bureau](#) President and CEO Fritz Smith said Monday. “... A first class community should have a baseball team.”

3. **PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)**

a. **Save our Spikes (Continued)**

. . . The Spikes [averaged 123,231 fans per year](#) during the past five seasons, according to the MiLB website. . . .

The agenda materials also included an email from the Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County (CBICC) with “6 Ways You Can #SaveOurSpikes”.

Ms. Myers and Mr. Walker gave a brief presentation about the Save our Spikes Campaign #SaveOurSpikes.

Mr. Abrams asked if there is something that he is asking for the Township to do. Mr. Walker asked the Board to consider holding a Patton Township night or helping financially.

Ms. Whitman wanted more information what other municipalities have done.

Mr. Erickson stated he will work with Mr. Walker and get information for the Board.

Ms. Whitman suggested looking into participating to the Children’s Safety Fair.

b. **Council of Governments (COG) Green House Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory and Reduction Targets**

At its February 6th meeting the COG Public Services & Environmental (PSE) Committee passed a motion that recommended GHG emission reduction targets for the Centre Region be forwarded to municipal governing bodies in February for additional discussion. Ms. Pamela Adams, Sustainability Planner for the Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA), will present information about the Centre Region community GHG emissions inventory, lead a discussion on the recommended reduction targets and potential actions to reach the targets, and ask the Board for feedback.

The recommended GHG emissions reduction targets are:

- 45% reduction in GHG emissions by 2030 based on 2010 levels
- 80% reduction in GHG emissions by 2050 based on 2010 levels
- Offset the remaining 20% of GHG emissions in 2050 with carbon offset projects to be carbon neutral in 2050

The agenda materials included additional information developed by the CRPA on the ‘Centre Region GHG Emissions Reduction Target Recommendation’ with additional background information and the presentation slides.

Ms. Adams gave a brief overview of the Green House Gas Emissions Inventory and Reduction Targets.

Mr. Abrams stated that there is a lot of emissions from idling vehicles and suggested looking into traffic signal improvements.

Mr. Trevino asked where the target recommendations came from. Ms. Adams stated they come from the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#).

3. **PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)**

b. **Council of Governments (COG) Green House Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory and Reduction Targets**

Ms. Neely discussed the HR 763 the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019.

Mr. Boyd stated that there is a lot of ignorance out there and would like the Board to think of the environment first before development.

Ms. Thies suggested speaking to the public in a persuasive and informative campaign at the regional level.

Ms. Whitman stated that Patton Township installed a level 2 electric charging stations.

Mr. Abrams suggested tracking like United Way does and making it harder to park.

c. **Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan Review**

The Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) General Forum has forwarded the subject plan to the participating municipalities for review and comment. Comments are due back to the COG by March 17th with *“the expectation that the Plan be adopted by resolution at the March 23, 2020 COG meeting by a unit vote of the municipalities.” (General Forum agenda)*

Please see the [February 12th agenda](#) for additional background materials. The full report may be viewed at:

https://www.crpr.org/sites/crpr/files/uploads/comp_study_final_plan_2.11.20_reduced_size.pdf

At the last meeting the Board also requested input from the Recreational Advisory Committee .

The Manager suggests focusing on Chapter 7 – Action Plan. Pages 7-1 to 7-10 list 140 plus action items identified by the study. The introduction to Chapter 7 notes that the next steps should include developing a Strategic Plan to begin implementation by *“prioritizing items and setting realistic goals”* and *“The starting point for the Strategic Plan should identify the three or four highest and hardest priorities that need to be accomplished to establish a successful long-term path forward.” (emphasis added).*

The agenda materials included the following items:

- The Township’s RAC meet on February 17th and reviewed the report. Their comments are provided in a memo included with the agenda materials.
- Former Supervisor Downsborough provided comments suggesting the term “open space” be removed from the report title.

This item will also be on the March 11th agendas for Board members to provide comment.

Ms. Wheeler gave a brief overview of the Comprehensive Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan Review.

Ms. Thies stated that she supports the top priority of maintenance of the parks and increase the natural areas.

Ms. Whitman stated that this will come back to the Board on March 11, 2020.

4. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

a. **2019 Annual Report**

Chief Jolley informed the Board that on February 17, 2020, retired Sergeant Bob Leonard passed away after a battle with lunch cancer.

Chief Jolley gave a brief overview of the Police Department's Annual Report for 2019 that was included with the agenda.

Ms. Robb asked how many citizens attended the Citizens Police Academy. Chief Jolley stated he can get the exact numbers but would guess around 25 participants.

Ms. Whitman asked how the officers are doing with the body cameras. Chief Jolley stated that it is going well and seen as a positive tool.

5. **PUBLIC WORKS**

a. **Traffic Signal Application for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Installation on Toftrees Avenue at Presidents Drive / Beaumanor Road**

As directed by the Board, the Public Works staff is completing the plans for these pedestrian actuated flashers for the subject intersection. The latest draft of the signal permit drawing is included with the agenda materials.

In addition to submitting the signal plans for PennDOT review and approval, staff is collecting quotes on the other materials and installation.

PennDOT requires that the Board of Supervisors approve the application for a signal permit through adoption of the Resolution (2020-006) included with the agenda materials.

Mr. Abrams moved to Traffic Signal Application for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Installation on Toftrees Avenue at Presidents Drive/Beaumanor Road.

b. **Agreement for Small Wireless Communication Facilities with Verizon Wireless**

Verizon Wireless desires to locate some Small Cell devices within the right-of-way of Toftrees Avenue in order to improve service to this area. The Manager and Solicitor have been working with Verizon counsel to develop a Master License Agreement for this project (see agenda attachment Item 5a.1). The License Agreement lays out a process for the individual permitting of Verizon facilities that may be stand-alone poles, attached to Township structures (e.g. traffic signals) or attached to third-party structures already in the right-of-way.

The fees referenced in the Agreement are the maximum permitted under current Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations. Examples of current small cell installations in the Township were included with the agenda materials.

The Manager recommends the Board consider action to approve the Agreement and authorize the Manager to execute the document.

Ms. Robb moved to approve the Agreement for Small Wireless Communication Facilities with Verizon Wireless. Seconded by Mr. Trevino, the motion passed 4-0.

5. **PUBLIC WORKS**

c. **Refuse/Recycling Route Change – Gray’s Woods**

Advanced Disposal is proposing to change collection days from Friday to Monday for these neighborhoods on March 30:

Graysdale	Prices Sawmill	Marywood
Brynwood	Gray’s Pointe	

Residents will be informed soon through door hangers and emails coordinated with the Home-Owners Associations. The agenda materials include a list of streets, a map showing the affected neighborhoods and out-reach materials.

The change is being undertaken to balance out the number of homes collected on each day. The affected residences will receive collection services on both Friday, March 27th and Monday, March 30th.

Residents with questions can contact the COG Refuse and Recycling Coordinator, Shelly Mato, (814) 234-7198 or smato@crcog.net.

6. **PLANNING & ZONING – No items**

Tree removal at Patton Crossing to begin shortly per February 21 notice from HFL Corporation:

“The tree cutting company should mobilize late next week or the first week of March. Our plan is to have all the site trees identified for removal cut down by the end of March.”

Mr. Trevino stated that some residents of Wolfs Lane are concerned about cutting down of the large trees where the parking is going to be and asked if those residents can request to keep some of the big trees as buffers.

7. **ADMINISTRATION**

a. **Appointments to Township Authorities, Boards and Commissions (ABCs)**

The ABC Committee (Supervisors Whitman and Elliot) has reviewed applications from interested residents for open positions. The ABC Committee made the following recommendations for appointments:

Open Space Stewardship Committee – for a partial term expiring at the end of 2021
Kelli Prescott (in lieu of prior appointment to PC)

Planning Commission - for full 4 year terms expiring at the end of 2023
James Payne

Mr. Trevino moved to appoint Ms. Prescott to the Open Space Stewardship Committee and James Payne to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Ms. Robb, the motion passed 4-0.

b. **2020 Census Support Resolution**

Supervisor Whitman asks the Board to consider action to express support for a full count for the 2020 US Census by adopting Resolution 2020-005 “Partnering with the 2020 Census Bureau to Help Ensure an Accurate Count for Patton Township.”

Mr. Abrams moved to adopt Resolution 2020-005 2020 Census Support. Seconded by Mr. Trevino, the motion passed 4-0.

7. **ADMINISTRATION**

c. **Minutes February 12, 2020**

The draft minutes of the last Board meeting are included with agenda materials. Board members having questions or changes should contact the Township Manager prior to the meeting so revisions can be included in a supplemental distribution.

Mr. Trevino moved to approve the February 12, 2020 Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Abrams, the motion passed 4-0.

d. **Voucher Report – January 2020**

A copy of the January 2020 Voucher Report is included with agenda materials. Board members having questions should contact the Township office prior to the meeting so the necessary information can be obtained.

Mr. Trevino moved to approve the January 2020 Voucher Report. Seconded by Mr. Abrams, the motion passed 4-0.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA - no items**

9. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Erickson reported on the following current matters.

- a. In Memoriam – [Sgt. Robert Leonard](#) – Patton Township Police Dept. 1979-2011
- b. Centre Region Complete Counts Committee – Census Day is April 1, 2020
- c. Presentation to Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors on Open Space acquisition – Feb 18th
- d. MOU with COG for power to EV Charger (enclosed)
- e. [Snow Parking and Sidewalk Shoveling](#) reminders (regulations enclosed)
- f. [Upcoming Events](#)
 - [1] Township Office Schedule
 - Closed, April 10th – Carpet Cleaning
 - [3] PML Northcentral League meeting, April 14, Lewisburg
 - [4] [Household Hazardous Waste Collection](#), April 24-25
 - [5] PSATS, Hershey, May 3-6
 - [6] Children's Safety Fair, May 16th, Colonnade Shopping Center
 - [7] [Bulk Trash Collection](#), May 18 - 22, 2020
 - [8] General Forum at Patton Township, May 26th

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

[Exec, February 18 – Abrams](#)

- 2020 Road and Bridge Construction Projects
- 2020 U.S. Census Update
- Contract Award for Renovations to COG Building
- Code Board of Appeals - Appointment and Re-Appointments
- Update on the Solar Power Purchase Agreement
- Executive Director's Report

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)**

future meetings

Transportation and Land Use, March 2 – Robb

Ad Hoc Facilities, March 3 – Pegher Alt

Human Resources, March 4 – Buckland

Public Services and Environmental, March 5 - Whitman

Public Safety, March 10 - Trevino

Finance, March 12 - Trevino

Exec, March 17 - Abrams

Parks Capital, April 9 – Buckland

Solar Power Purchase Agreement Working Group – March 4– Whitman. Pegher alt.

- a. State College Borough Water Authority. _____ – Montieth
- b. Centre Area Cable Consortium, as needed - Trevino
- c. Spring Creek Watershed Commission, , Hurley Alt
- d. Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization, – Robb, Whitman Alt.
- e. Centre County Airport Authority – (4th Thursday) – Downsborough

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Robb stated that she took a tour of the Alpha Fire Station. She stated that she wanted to thank the fire department and volunteers.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Trevino moved to adjourn the February 26, 2020 meeting at 8:55PM. Seconded by Mr. Abrams, the motion passed 4-0.

Douglas J. Erickson, Township Secretary