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CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING ROOM
PATTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

**February 10, 2010
7:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A copy of the minutes of the January 27, 2010 meeting is enclosed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Residents may address the Board on issues of interest to the Township. Comments related to specific agenda items should be deferred until that point in the meeting.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING: RIPARIAN BUFFER REGULATIONS – PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 153**

The Planning Commission has recommended adopting Riparian Buffer regulations under the Township's Subdivision and Land Development regulations, which are found at Chapter 153 of the Patton Township Code. These proposed regulations are an outgrowth of a model ordinance developed by the Centre Region Council of Governments.

4. PUBLIC HEARING: RIPARIAN BUFFER REGULATIONS – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 153 (CONT'D)

In general, the proposed regulations would require that stream buffers be established as part of any new subdivision or land development or as a part of any re-development process across all zoning districts in the Township. The proposed regulations would also require that vegetation be preserved or established in the stream buffer area.

Because most (78%) of the streams are in the A-1 (Rural) Zoning District, the planting requirements are very similar to those of an existing federal Department of Agriculture incentive program, the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), which provides payments to land owners to establish stream buffers.

If requested, the Township's Planner will provide a brief overview of the proposed regulations. Township and CRPA staff will be available to address questions from the Board or the audience.

(Board members are asked to please bring the related materials that were distributed with the January 4, 2010 Board of Supervisors agenda. Information for the public will be available at the sign-in table.)

a. Public Hearing

The public hearing for the proposed Riparian Buffer regulations has been advertised for this meeting. The Board should convene the hearing and receive comments regarding the proposed regulations.

b. Action Consideration

After the public hearing is closed, the Board should consider action on the proposed Riparian Buffer regulations or identify revisions to be included before further consideration. Substantive revisions will require readvertisement and a new public hearing.

5. PLANNING & ZONING

a. Planning Commission Report

The Board will receive a report from Commission member Jeff Hermann on the activities of the Planning Commission.

6. ADMINISTRATION

a. Regional Parks Funding

The Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) Parks Capital Committee and Regional Park Planning Committee met on February 1 regarding the proposed parks at Oak Hall and Whitehall Road, and the proposed purchase of the Hess

Field Softball Complex in Harris Township. At the meeting, the Master Planning consultant presented cost estimates for the Whitehall Road Park and financing scenarios for the three projects.

Patton Township's representative to the Committees, Supervisor Luck, will update the Board on the Regional Parks program and the discussions at the most recent meeting. Mr. Luck would like to initiate a discussion regarding the funding proposals.

No action is required of the Board at this time. A copy of the February 1 meeting agenda, with attachments, is included with the agenda materials.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager will report on current matters, including the following:

- a. Development Update (enclosed)
- b. Open Space Stewardship Committee report

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members should report on the meeting(s) of the COG and other committee(s) on which they serve, including:

- a. Standing and Ad Hoc COG Committees
- b. Spring Creek Watershed Commission
- c. Patton/Halfmoon Area Plan Steering Committee

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT