

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD	Elliot Abrams, Chair Bryce Boyer, Vice-Chair Jeff Luck, Supervisor Josh Troxell, Supervisor Walt Wise, Supervisor
STAFF	Doug Erickson, Township Manager Brent Brubaker, Township Engineer Pat Hubert, Assistant Township Engineer Kim Wyatt, Finance Director Kimberly Fragola, Township Secretary Susan Wheeler, Parks Project Manager Joe Price, CRPA Senior Planner Betsy Dupuis, Solicitor
ABSENT	John Petrick, Chief of Police
AUDIENCE	3 CNET Volunteers Chris Hurley – Patton Township Recreation Advisory Committee Jim Steff – Centre Region COG Ron Woodhead – Centre Region Parks and Recreation Hugh Mose, Judi Minor, and Louwana Olivia – CATA Dan Klees – Centre Region Parks Capital Committee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The April 28, 2010 Patton Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the Patton Township Municipal Building, 100 Patton Plaza, State College, PA, was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Elliot Abrams.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 14, 2010 meeting were approved 5-0 on a motion by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Luck.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this point in the meeting.

4. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Spring Road Report

Copies of the Township Engineer's Spring 2010 Road Report, to include recommendations for the 2010 road maintenance program, were distributed with the agenda.

4. PUBLIC WORKS (CONT'D)

a. Spring Road Report (Cont'd)

Mr. Hubert reported that major items scheduled for 2010 include:

STREET	FROM	TO	RATING	LENGTH	TYPE OF WORK
Cornwall Road	Park Lane	Surrey Lane	93	1,370	Overlay
Norwood Lane	Park Forest Ave.	N. Oak Lane	52.2	1,620	Overlay
North Oak Lane	Norwood Ave.	Westgate Dr.		770	Overlay
Vairo Blvd.	University Commons	Pennwood North	33		Drainage Improvements (Overlay 2012)
Purdue Mountain Road			21		Drainage Improvements/ Bank Stabilization
Total Length (ft)			3,760		

Mr. Wise inquired as to the status of the Strouse Avenue drainage project. Mr. Hubert reported that said project is completed, and he went on to explain other improvements planned for that area.

Mr. Abrams noted that the painted lines at the intersection of North Atherton/ Vairo/Martin wear off each winter. Mr. Brubaker answered that line painting work is scheduled to take place soon.

Mr. Boyer moved to approve the recommended improvements and authorize bidding for the scheduled roadwork. Seconded by Mr. Wise, the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

b. Patton Township Parks Plan for 2010-2019

The Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) presents a recommendation to the Board for Township improvements to local parks through this planned update to the Patton Township Parks Plan 2006-2015, Mr. Erickson reminded the Board. The Parks Plan 2010-2019 presents the results of resident surveys and establishes a plan for implementing the actions indicated by the surveys by making improvements to existing parks, continuing development of new parks, and replacing aging facilities as needed, he said. Copies of the proposed Parks Plan 2010-2019 were distributed with the agenda.

No change to the current financing strategy for local parks is proposed, Mr. Erickson reported. The existing dedicated 0.7 mil of Real Estate Tax is sufficient for the planned capital improvements, he stated, and it is also anticipated that participation in the Centre Region COG Parks and Recreation program for general park maintenance and recreation programming will continue to be funded from the General Fund.

In a departure from past practices, Mr. Erickson continued, the RAC recommended funding the improvements planned for this ten year period by a

4. PUBLIC WORKS (CONT'D)

b. Patton Township Parks Plan for 2010-2019 (Cont'd)

bond issue or borrowing to be retired in ten years. The scope of the improvements is the same as could be undertaken by a pay-as-you-go approach, but if funded from a borrowing, the improvements could be completed much earlier, he explained. Additionally, Mr. Erickson went on, the costs of borrowing, the costs of design, and the costs of construction are currently relatively low, so taking advantage of these conditions may result in the ability to construct more improvements than originally anticipated.

Susan Wheeler, Parks Project Manager, provided an overview of the proposed Park Plan.

Mr. Luck, seconded by Mr. Troxell, moved to adopt the Park Plan 2010-2019. The vote in favor was 5-0.

c. Regional Park Development Proposals

The Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) received a proposal from the Parks Capital Committee at the General Forum meeting on Monday, April 26, 2010, Mr. Erickson recalled, and the General Forum requested municipal comments on a proposal for funding the development of regional parks and the Articles of Agreement for Acquiring the Hess Field Softball Complex. Copies of the proposal and Articles of Agreement were distributed with the agenda.

Discussion was held regarding the Patton Township Capital Improvement Plan, existing local and regional park funding levels, debt capacity, loan and payment options, tax increase possibilities and impacts, the Board's position of general commitment to the regional parks program, park development timelines, economic conditions, and private funding options.

Dan Klees, COG Parks Capital Committee Chair, stated the need to support moving forward with these projects at the proposed funding levels.

Regarding the Regional Park Development Proposal, the following comments were offered:

- The Board is committed to continued participation in the Regional Park program.
- Hess Field must be included in the Regional Park program and should be acquired with funds currently in the Regional Parks fund.
- Under the current general economic conditions and financial capacity of the Township, the Board is unable to commit to a funding level greater than the equivalent of 0.26 mills at this time (about 150 percent of current contribution).

4. PUBLIC WORKS (CONT'D)

c. Regional Park Development Proposals (Cont'd)

- The Board expects that a tax increase will be required to fund any contributions over the existing level.
- The commitment to future funding will be considered again during development of the Township's next Capital Improvement Plan. This will occur between August and October 2010.
- The Board urges the Committee and the Parks and Recreation agency to develop a plan to solicit and obtain funding commitments from the Visitors Bureau, banks, other local businesses, and sports groups.
- The Board of Supervisors supports a borrowing term of 20 or 25 years.

The Board had no comments on the proposed Articles of Agreement for Acquiring the Hess Field Softball Complex.

5. ADMINISTRATION

a. Centre Area Transit Authority (CATA) 2010/2011 Budget Review

At the meeting on April 26, the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) General Forum received the proposed 2010/2011 CATA Budget and referred it to the participating municipalities for review and comment, Mr. Erickson reviewed. Municipal comments are requested by May 11 for consideration by the COG Finance Committee, he said, and final adoption of the CATA budget is scheduled for the June Board meeting. Copies of the proposed 2009/2010 CATA budget were distributed to each Board member with the agenda for the April 26 COG meeting.

Mr. Erickson noted that the CATA budget totals, total municipal contributions, and the Patton Township shares of the proposed budget are as follows:

	2009/2010	2010/2011
	<u>Estimated Receipts</u>	<u>Anticipated Receipts</u>
Operating Budget		
Total CATA Operating	\$11,295,172	\$12,089,010
Total Municipal Contributions	\$ 419,795	\$ 440,784
Patton Township Contribution	\$ 61,083	\$ 70,373
Capital Budget		
Total CATA Capital		\$ 9,402,500
Total Municipal Contributions	\$ 62,400	\$ 62,400
Patton Township Contribution	\$ 9,080	\$ 9,962

5. **ADMINISTRATION (CONT'D)**

a. **Centre Area Transit Authority (CATA) 2010/2011 Budget Review (Cont'd)**

CATA General Manager Hugh Mose presented the proposed budget. Mr. Boyer noted that there have been no fare increases for the past eight years, but there have been significant municipal contribution increases; he suggested that in the future costs be split with the users sooner. The Board had no comments to forward to the COG Finance Committee.

b. **Centre Region Building Safety and Property Maintenance Code**

In March the Centre Region Council of Governments General Forum approved the proposed Centre Region Building Safety and Property Maintenance Code dated March 10, 2010 and referred it to the Centre Region municipalities for adoption and implementation by June 1, 2010, Mr. Erickson reminded the Board. This is the document that will be a published and used by the municipalities just as they have used the IBC or BOCA codes in the past, he noted. At the last Board meeting (April 14, 2010) the Director of the Code Administration agency reviewed the proposed Building Safety and Property Maintenance Code, Mr. Erickson recalled, and an ordinance adopting the code with an effective date of June 1, 2010, and amending the Code to delete Section 702.6 Number of Exits (deleting the second egress requirement for third stories in residential buildings), has been advertised for consideration at this meeting.

Mr. Luck moved to enact Ordinance No. 2010-519, Property Maintenance and Fire Code, adopting the Centre Region Building Safety and Property Maintenance Code dated March 10, 2010, as amended, with an effective date of June 1, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Wise, the motion passed 5-0.

c. **Conservation and Efficiency (C&E) Committee Recommendations**

Distributed with the agenda materials was a report highlighting the activities of the C&E Committee from its creation in 2008. To help focus the membership, Mr. Erickson told the Board, the Committee recommends the following activities as a “work plan” for moving forward:

- Develop Community Garden program
- Education – promote CATA
- Education – promote recycling/Habitat for Humanity ReStore
- Make lighting upgrades for parking lot and building (staff) (10 year payback)
- Explore Green Building incentives for the Region

Mr. Abrams inquired about bulk electricity purchase opportunities for residents, and Mr. Erickson responded that such is to become available in the fall. Mr. Luck noted Act 129 (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plan), and Mr. Wise asked

5. **ADMINISTRATION (CONT'D)**

c. **Conservation and Efficiency (C&E) Committee Recommendations (Cont'd)**

about the expected cost of the community garden program, both of which Mr. Erickson said he would research. In response to Mr. Troxell, Ms. Wyatt stated that the plaques for efficient local businesses will be ordered soon.

By consensus, the Board endorsed the CEC's recommended activities.

6. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Manager had nothing to report.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Transportation and Land Use Committee

Mr. Luck reported that the MPO discussed policy adjustments and Long Range Transportation Plan project rankings.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was brought before the Board.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, by Mr. Luck's motion and Mr. Troxell's second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Kimberly Fragola, Township Secretary