



TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

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Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 18, 2021 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83725986340> Dial In: 1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 837 2598 6340

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CITIZEN'S INPUT
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- IV. BIKE ROUTE MARKING – VALLEY VISTA SHARED USE PATH TO TUDEK PARK BIKE PATH

Narrative

Patton Township and Ferguson Township previously worked together to install curbing and sidewalk along the road. In collaboration with Centre Region Planning Agency, Patton Township prepared a proposal with cost estimates and drafted signage for a Bike Route to be formally identified between Patton and Ferguson Township. Attached to the agenda is the proposal and includes 1) a location map showing proposed marking and sign locations, 2) two graphic files showing the sharrow and signage, and 3) associated costs. Susan Wheeler, Patton Township Parks Manager, is in attendance to answer questions about the proposal prepared for Patton Township. Ferguson Township is preparing for and will do the work for the portion of the route in Ferguson Township. The rationale for marking this connector is to inform residents of a way to travel between the new Valley Vista shared use path and the Tudek Park Bike Path. Should this work be completed, Centre Region Planning Agency will add this route to the official bike map. Staff is reviewing material for comments.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee **approve** the signage and marking plan to formally establish the Valley Vista Shared Use Path to Tudek Park Bike Path.

V. SUBURBAN PARK UPDATES

Ferguson Township engineering staff is preparing for the construction of Suburban Park – Phase 1. The Parks and Recreation Committee is invited to review and offer feedback on several items including the selection of outdoor exercise equipment to which images are attached to agenda for review and discussion. Consideration is also being given to the block wall located at the park entrance, entering Suburban Avenue on the south side of the road. The block wall was built to divert water away from the property owners house prior to the large culvert under Suburban Avenue being installed. Staff suggest removing the block wall and replacing with planted trees. Also, part of Phase 1 is to include informational signage along the walking path and the committee should given consideration for details and verbiage on the sign. Lastly, the committee to share thoughts on kiosk selection that is resident friendly to provide staff.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee **receive** and **discuss** the updates on Suburban Park – Phase 1 gran

VI. FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BIKE MONTH

Narrative

Ferguson Township staff will propose to the Board of Supervisors that the Township recognize Bike Month in May with a proclamation to support and promote bike month 2021 events and activities. Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA) invited Ferguson Township to help promote Bike Month, host a Ferguson Bike Chat for May and participate with the Bike Month Scavenger Hunt. Attached is the drafted flyer for the Ferguson Bike Chat. The Committee is asked to help support promote these events and consider appointing a Parks Committee member to be featured at the Ferguson Bike Chat. Mark your calendars for May 17 through May 23, 2021 as “Bike-To-Work-Week”, and May 21, 2021 as both “Bike-To-Work Day” and “Centre Region Bike Anywhere Friday.”

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee **appoint** member to be featured in the Ferguson Bike Chat.

VII. FUTURE SUMMER MEETINGS

Narrative

Staff proposes meeting at Township parks for the monthly meeting from May to September, discuss options for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) annual park tour and consider visiting neighboring municipality parks. Staff proposes the following:

- May Fairbrook Park
- June Homestead Park
- July Cecil Irvin
- August Suburban Park
- September Autumnwood Park

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee **approve** a meeting location for the summer monthly meetings.

VIII. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY

Narrative

Township staff updated the drafted a green infrastructure policy after receiving feedback from the Parks and Recreation Committee, Centre Region Parks and Recreation Agency and the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors. As the Township increases in size, density and population, it is recognized that green spaces are increasingly important for sustainability. The purpose, and key policy success factors, is to have predefined definitions for each of the common green space practices within the Township, establish a process for integrating green infrastructure into appropriate park areas and formalize how and when maintenance plans and procedures are created for approved green infrastructures within Township parks.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee **approve** the green infrastructure policy.

IX. EVALUATION OF FERGUSON TOWNSHIP’S PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (COG) PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM

Narrative

At the direction of the Board of Supervisors, staff will be conducting an evaluation of Ferguson Township’s participation in the Council of Governments (COG) Parks and Recreation Program. Attached to the agenda is the plan staff developed to create an evaluation report that illustrates associated costs for expanding the Township’s park management responsibilities for the Board of Supervisors’ review for future discussion and decision. There is no action required by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION That the Committee <i>receive</i> the update.
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X. FUTURE REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Narrative

Committee members should identify member driven agenda items.

XI. REPORTS

- 1. Staff Report
- 2. Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority Report – Mr. Bill Keough

XII. OPEN DISCUSSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, February 18, 2021

4:00 P.M.

I. ATTENDANCE

The Parks and Recreation Committee held its regular meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2021, via Zoom in attendance were:

Committee:

Norris Muth- Chairperson
Tessa Antolick- Vice Chair-Absent
Robert Demayo-Secretary-Absent
Dr. Shawna Doerksen
Connie Puckett
Bill Keough
Jerry Learn
Rick Tetzlaff

Staff:

Centrice Martin, Assistant Township Manager
Summer Brown, Recording Secretary

Others in attendance: Lisa Strickland, BOS member/Ferguson Resident.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Norris Muth called the Thursday, February 18, 2021 Park and Recreation meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

III. CITIZEN'S INPUT

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Muth called for a motion to approve the January 21, 2021 minutes. Mr. Rick Tetzlaff moved to accept as written, Mr. Jerry Learn seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE GOALS FOR 2021 CONTINUED

Ms. Martin stated that a list of goals was included in the agenda, this is a general list of items that staff is currently working on that she felt the Committee may be interested in participating in. The Committee reviewed the items. Ms. Martin stated that the Committee can assist staff with any of the items listed but can also include some of their own ideas for the 2021 goals. Dr. Muth also touched on making iNaturalist a goal for the Committee as he feels this program a good tool to engage with the public. Mr. Keough stated that the Township has recently passed a Heritage Tree ordinance and that would be another good way to get the public involved by having them go to Township parks and look for trees that meet the criteria and submit an application. Dr. Muth agreed that this is a good idea and would pair well with something else the Township is doing.

Ms. Martin stated that if members need more time to discuss goals, the Committee can meet next week. Ms. Martin stated that she can take all member input and compile into a one page work plan document to review at the next meeting. Dr. Muth suggested using Ferguson emails to share ideas back and forth. The Committee decided to form a subcommittee that will be made up of Dr. Muth and Dr. Shawna Doerksen who will compile ideas and forward to Ms. Martin who will compile for the entire Committee to review. Ms. Martin stated that once the goals are finalized she would like to publish on the Township's website so residents know what the Park's Committee will be doing and they can follow and give comments.

VI. PARK SURVEYING PROGRAM

Dr. Muth stated that staff would like the Committee to recommend one park for the park surveying program. Staff has suggest Suburban Park or Tudek Park for this program. Ms. Martin stated that a split rail fence will be put up to determine boundary corners, this will help identify who is responsible for things like tree maintenance, invasive species, over growth, etc. This will also create a more efficient process for Public Works. Dr. Muth asked if there was the possibility of push back regarding the fence, Ms. Martin stated that the fence will only be placed at the corners. The Committee recommended Tudek Park for the fencing

VII. BICYCLE ROUTE CONNECTION WITH PATTON TOWNSHIP

Ms. Martin stated that this is just an informational update for the Parks Committee. Patton Township reached out to Ferguson to see if there would be any interest in working on a shared use path with them to increase connectivity between the Townships. Ms. Martin stated that Ferguson has been receptive and plans to meet and discuss this opportunity with Patton Township.

VIII. FUTURE REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

None.

IX. REPORTS

1. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Martin reported that the Township was able to convert the stormwater basin in Tudek Park to a pollinator garden with the help of U.S Fish and Wildlife. Ms. Martin also noted that the Township Arborist has made a work plan to plant additional trees and shrubs in the basin. Ms. Martin noted that the Parks Committee's land development plan subcommittee had their kick off meeting that included, Mr. Tetzlaff, Mr. Rob Demayo, and Sergeant Hendrick of the Ferguson Police Department.

2. CENTRE REGION PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY REPORT – MR. BILL KEOUGH

Mr. Keough reported that COVID has impacted many of the Authorities activites, but they have made changes to adapt, the Authority has shut off all drinking fountains with parks to help stop the spread of the illness. Mr. Keough stated that the Authority is reviewing the comprehensive study that was done last year and taking steps to move forward with projects in response to the plan. Mr. Keough also updated the Committee on the progress of the White Hall Road Regional Park.

X. OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Muth entertained a motion to adjourn the Thursday, February 18, 2021 Parks and Recreation meeting at 5:30 pm. Mr. Tetzlaff made a motion to adjourn, Dr. Doerksen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ROB DEMAYO, SECRETARY

FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

PROPOSED BICYCLE ROUTE MARKING
VALLEY VISTA SHARED USE PATH TO TUDEK PARK BIKE PATH

VALLEY VISTA/TUDEK CONNECTOR
(joint Patton/Ferguson project)

	<u>Patton Township</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Ferguson Township</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Sharrows (Qty)	8	\$400	11	\$550
Directional Signs (Qty)	4	\$485	8	\$970
		Total: \$885		Total: \$1520

PARK FOREST PARKS CONNECTOR
(Patton project)

	<u>Patton Township</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Sharrows (Qty)	16	\$800
Directional Signs (Qty)	8	\$970
		Total: \$1770

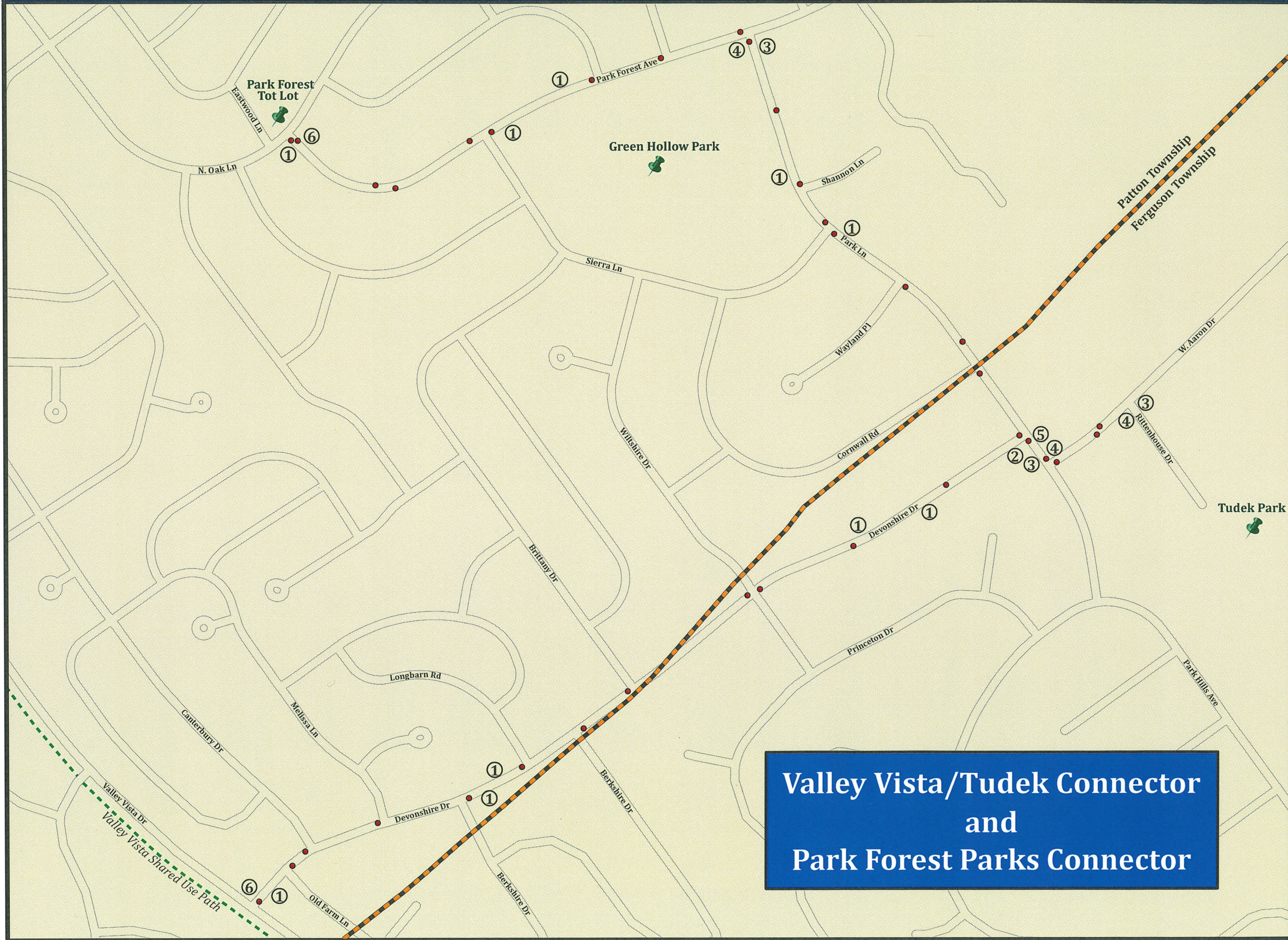
UNIT COSTS

1. Sharrow
 (MUTCD 9C-9)
 AlphaSpaceControl \$50 each

2. Directional Signs (2)
 (MUTCD D11-1)
 Bradco Sign Company \$46.25 each

3. Sign Installation and Post:
 Patton Twp Road Crew \$75 each

Proposed Bike Route Signage and Markings



Valley Vista/Tudek Connector		
	Patton	Ferguson
Sharrows	8	10
Signs	4	8

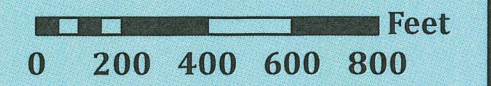
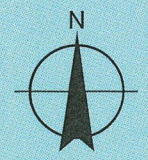
Park Forest Parks Connector		
	Patton	Ferguson
Sharrows	17	0
Signs	8	0

Legend

- Township Boundary
- Sharrow
- Shared Use Path
- Park

Sign Legend

- ① Bike Route
- ② Bike Route
- ③ Bike Route
- ④ Bike Route
- ⑤ Bike Route
- ⑥ Bike Route END

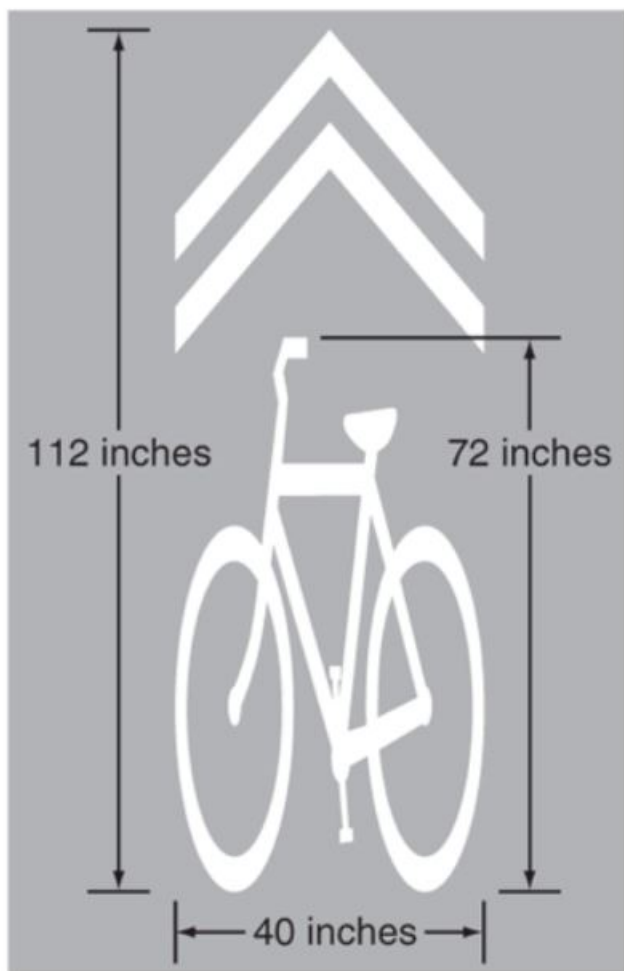


**Valley Vista/Tudek Connector
and
Park Forest Parks Connector**

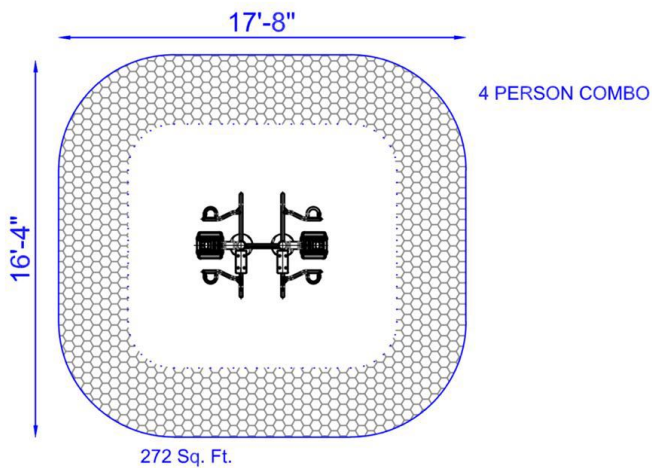
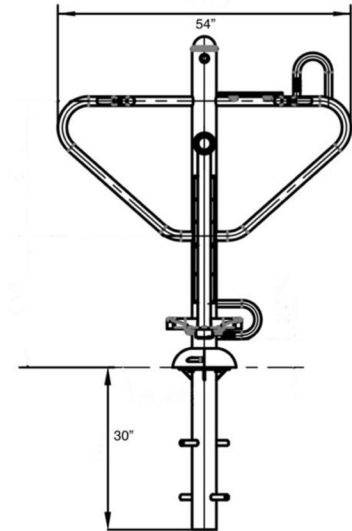
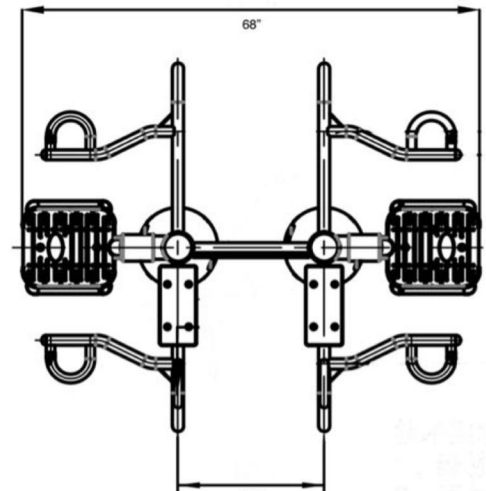
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Figure 9C-9. Shared Lane Marking



4- Person Combo (XO-049)



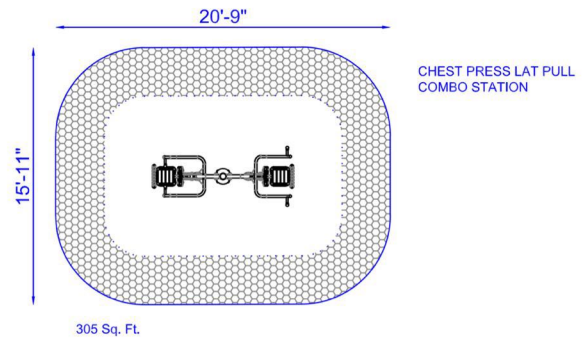
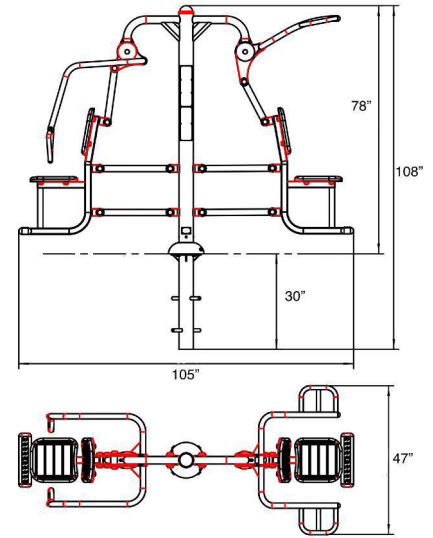
Muscle Focus: Biceps, Forearm, Lower/Upper Back, Abdominals and Triceps.

Training: A great multi-functional combo unit designed for 4 users. Each side has an Air Skier that is great for loosening the hips and side. One side has a Knee/Leg Lift station, while the other has a Dip station, which can also be used for inverted pull-ups.

Critical Fall Height: 50"

Users: Intended for use by ages 13 and older.

See ExoFit warranty for complete details.



Lat Pull Down

Muscle Focus: Back, Shoulders and Biceps

Training: Pull the upper bar towards your body using part of your body weight as the resistance. This will help strengthen your back, rear shoulders and biceps.

Chest Press

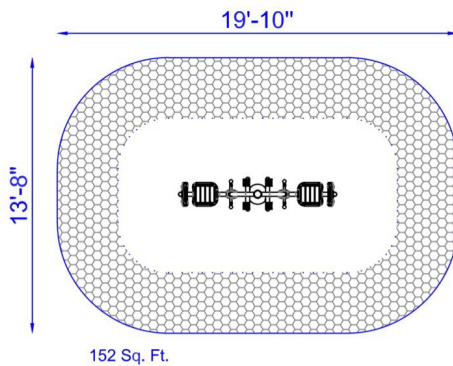
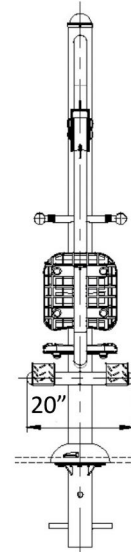
Muscle Focus: Chest, Triceps and Shoulders

Training: Provides an optimal range of motion while you press out and lift part of your body weight as resistance.

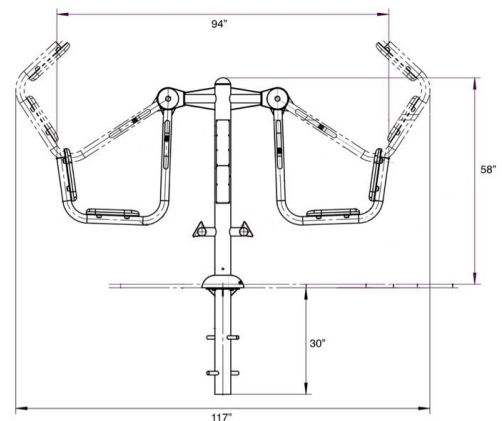
Users: Intended for use by ages 13 and older.

Critical Fall Height: 34"

See ExoFit warranty for complete details.



2-PERSON LEG PRESS



Muscle Focus: Strengthens Leg muscles (particularly Quadriceps and Calves), as well as Gluteus Maximus

Training: Sit on the chair and step on the footboard. Stretching legs with force and recover slowly. Repeat. An important workout for developing leg strength, this piece is effective in using your own body weight for resistance.

Critical Fall Height: 48"

Users: Intended for use by ages 13 and older.

See ExoFit Warranty for complete details.

VIRTUAL BIKE CHAT

Thursday
May 20, 2021
12:30 pm



LEARN ABOUT BIKING IN FERGUSON TOWNSHIP

Register at: <https://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/virtual-bike-chat>



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The Centre Region is a Bicycle Friendly CommunitySM

Evaluation of Ferguson Township's Participation in the Participation in Council of Governments (COG)
Parks and Recreation Program

Services and Service Levels

1. What programming services and service levels are being considered
 - a. Parks maintenance and operations – **Dave Modricker**
 - i. Invasive species control
 - ii. Mowing operations
 - iii. Planting/landscaping
 - iv. Trash collection
 - v. Work orders and equipment repairs
 - vi. Mulching
 - vii. Building space (for camps, storage, etc.)
 - b. Capital Projects/Improvements - **Centrice**
 - i. Master Plan development - (continued collaboration and resources; park comp. Plan)
 - ii. Land acquisition
 - iii. Development
 - iv. Community engagement
 - c. Administrative – **Dave P.**
 - i. Staff oversight and management
 - ii. Office space/supplies/logistics
 - iii. Liability/Insurance implications
 - iv. Compliance and training
 - v. Budgeting and capital improvement planning
 - vi. Organizational management/union engagement - **Angela**
 - vii. Cost impact to residents (non-member rates for programs)
 1. Aquatics
 2. Millbrook Marsh Nature Center
 3. Camp discounts
 - viii. [Policies and SOPs](#)
 1. Volunteer management
 2. Special events/park and facilities rentals
 - ix. Governance model
 - d. Community outreach/engagement - **Nick**
 - i. Strategy for ongoing community engagement and branding
 - ii. Soliciting feedback/public meetings
 - iii. Social media/print media campaigns
 - e. Programming and Event Planning - **Centrice**
 - i. Youth programs
 1. Sports
 2. Camps

- 3. Rec on the Go
 - ii. Intramural sports leagues
 - iii. Adult services – programming
 - 1. Biking
 - 2. Fitness
 - 3. Senior Center
 - 4. Other
 - iv. Other recreational programs and initiatives
- f. Business Plan re: Mission and priorities | action steps to withdraw from CRPR – **Dave P.**
 - i. Funding Strategies
 - 1. Dedicated tax milage
 - ii. Staff recommendation
 - iii. Timeline
 - 1. Notice to COG of withdrawal
 - 2. Capital equipment acquisition/staffing
 - 3. Building space – leasing or acquisition
 - 4. Public outreach/engagement initiative
 - 5. Marketing/signage and branding
 - a. Development of community presence and partnerships
 - i. Schools
 - 6. Programming plan
 - 7. Liability/insurance
 - 8. Training
 - 9. What has to be ready “day one” versus what can be developed over time?

Deliverable

Written evaluation describing the proposed implementation plan and cost estimates to transition and fully operate park maintenance, operation and recreation in-house; Staff recommendation

Timeline

2021

April Request guidance from Board on programming service levels

April Follow up meeting (last week)

May - June Progress update to the Board

August-September Individual assessment/evaluation drafts

November Presentation to BOS
Submit 2021 Final evaluation report with cost estimates

2022 Submit withdrawal notification

2023/2024



**Staff Report
March 18, 2021**

1. Township Manager and Assistant Manager are collaboratively drafting the Request for Proposal for the Recreation, Parks and Open Space Plan.
2. Working group comprised of FTPD, two Parks Committee and Assistant Township Manager met two times to review Chapter 16, Parks and Recreation, of the municipal code. Summary report is attached.

The review of chapter 16 Parks and Recreation was initiated following a motion made by the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors to refer the drafted ordinance to the Parks and Recreation Committee in October 202; and in response to the Board's direction expressed interest, concern and request for additional information for future Board discussion on the ordinance. The review was conducted by a working group comprised of the Assistant Township Manager, Sargent Hendrick and Robert DeMayo and Rick Tetzlatt both representing the Parks and Recreation Committee. The ordinance informs residents on the rules and regulations adopted pursuant Part 1 of the Ferguson Township Municipal Code, to allow persons participating in park activities a safe and enjoyable environment. In conjunction with these Rules and Regulations, all persons must also follow existing Township Ordinances and state and federal laws.

The action plan for this working group was established to articulate the purpose, charge, review process and deliverables. The recommendations are provided to respond to questions, request for information or concerns expressed with the ordinance.

§16-101 Definitions – recommend eight (8) definitions are added, one (1) definition is modified, and one (1) definition is removed. **§16-102 Interpretation of Rules and Regulations** – recommend that paragraph in Section 1 is modified, Section 1 provisions (B) is removed, provision (D) is reviewed for accuracy in title, and provision (E) is considered for updating language for clarity. **§16-103 Conduct Prohibited in Parks** – it is recommended that Section 3 be considered for replacing the word “Unbecoming” with either offensive or indecorous, Section 9 be removed entirely, Section 6, 11 and 12 are considered for updating language for clarity, and Section 14 is reviewed for accuracy in title; **§16-104 Treatment of Park Property** – recommend Section 1 be reviewed to consider adding in a comment related to not being allowed to create, break, or alter a trail within parks, Section 4 is considered for updating language for clarity. **§16-105 Traffic Control** – recommend Section 3 have added language to enforce overnight parking. **§16-107 Centre Region Parks and Recreation** – recommend that Section 1 be modified to describe exemptions with consideration given to a regional approach to setting the time and fees for open and transparent communication through resolution updates as well as consistent with review for updates every 2 to 3 years through a collaborative process with the Board and the CRPR Agency or Authority. **§16-108 Enforcement and Penalties** – recommend Section 1 be modified.

The recommendation with substantial change is to 16-107 both provisions (A) and (D). It is recommended, from a policing position, that Township parks open and close at the same time all parks in the Centre Region area with three (3) exemptions. It is also recommended to set the fees regionally and include in this provision of the municipal code the fees to be open and transparent as well as consistent. Also recommended is to have written into the ordinance that every x number of years the Board of Supervisors and CRPR or the Authority will review and consider changes to the fees using a public and transparent process.

A collection of documents has been researched and provided with this report. The inventory of documents collected and reviewed by staff include the following:

- (1) Resolution No. 2013-8 adopted and approved an amendment to the articles of incorporation of Centre Regional Recreational Authority
- (2) Update to Bylaws of the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority approved and signed by the Centre Regional Recreation Board, dated July 17, 2014, which describes in Section 5 Authorization with historical background and documents.
 - a. No findings of Ferguson Township adopting the update to bylaws by resolution or otherwise.

In conclusion, the working group completed a review of the suggested edits by Centre Region Parks and Recreation Agency and conducted a review of policy documents. Attached is a copy of the 03082021 meeting notes that include the Ordinance, Chapter 16, Parks and Recreation with suggested changes and comments.

Attachments

1. Page 3 03082021 Working Group Meeting Agenda
2. Page 4 -11 Chapter 16 Parks and Recreation with Track Changes by Working Group members
3. Page 12- 14 Reviewer Guide Comments
4. Page 15 Page Break
5. Page 16-21 1974 Centre Region Parks and Recreation Articles of Agreement
6. Page 22 Page Break
7. Page 23 1978 Council of Governments Resolution #78-3 Role of Parks and Recreation Board
8. Page 24 Page Break
9. Page 25-40 Ferguson Township Resolution 2013-8 Renaming Centre Regional Recreational Authority



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Park and Recreation Ordinance Review

Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 8, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89059415890> **Dial In:** 1 646 5588656

Meeting ID: 890 5941 5890

- I. **Review and discuss proposed changes and comments**
- II. **Discuss Next Steps**
- III. **General Discussion**
- IV. **Adjourn**

Purpose	The working group will assist the Board of Supervisors in updating the municipal code, Chapter 16, Park and Recreation. The working group will develop a recommendations report for the Park and Recreation Ordinance review project and included identify a list of alternatives that address or respond to sections in question or present concern with current practices and operation.
Charge	<p>To review the Park and Recreation Ordinance with consideration given to the suggested edits presented by Centre Region Parks and Recreation (CRPR) Agency to provide the Board of Supervisors of Ferguson Township with a recommendations report. The working group is convened to represent the Parks and Recreation Committee and staff to create a recommendation report that is responsive to the Board’s expressed interest and concerns with the Township’s Municipal Code, Chapter 16, Parks and Recreation, to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and determine what, if any, of the suggested edits by CRPR are necessary and should be accepted with comments; and• Review the ordinance to identify outdated language and, where appropriate, suggest verbiage to bring clarity and ease for reading any given statement; and• Add-in definitions to section 16-101; and• Review to identify and suggest updates to gender neutral pronouns; and• Review and research to understand current practices and need for a designated ‘police officer’ as defined in section 16-101 and mentioned throughout ordinance; and• Review for interpretation of Rules and Regulations with specific interest in provision D and E; and• Review and research section 16-101 and 16-106 to evaluate what, if any, potential policy conflicts with current practices and opportunities to ease park regulations for increased, diverse use of parkland; and• Review and research to identify the document(s) on record that confirm, deny or support further research to conclude which entity assumes authorization as described in provision 1. A – E in 16-107.
Timeline	It is anticipated there will be 3 meetings held for the working group leading up to a draft recommendations report to share and discuss with the Board of Supervisors in a work-session meeting. The working group will then convene to review, discuss, and update the draft recommendations report. Additionally, if needed, the working group will meet with CRPR for clarification and discuss the drafted recommendations report.
Deliverables	A final report that lists recommendations and include a list of alternatives for the consideration of the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors.

Township of Ferguson, PA
Monday, January 25, 2021

Chapter 16. Parks and Recreation

Part 1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

§ 16-101. Definitions.

[Ord. 873, 11/20/2006, § 1]

PARK

Unless specifically limited, shall be deemed to include all parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, stadium, tennis courts, golf course, swimming pools, beaches, band shells, music pavilions, recreational areas and structures, museums, geological and botanical gardens, and also entrances and approaches thereto, and all other land or property or structures under the jurisdiction of the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board, now or hereafter owned, acquired or leased by the Township of Ferguson for park or recreation purposes. Also included are areas owned or leased on behalf of Ferguson Township for municipal park and recreational purposes by Centre Regional Recreational Authority (CRRRA) and/or Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) upon designation of such areas as a "municipal park" or "regional park" by the Board of Supervisors by resolution.

Council of Governments (COG)

The Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority, originally incorporated in 1970 with original name being Centre Regional Recreation

Centre Regional Recreation Authority, established by the 1970 Articles of Agreement, to provide services ranging from management oversight of operations and capital projects related to park operations and maintenance services, public recreation programs, authorizing user fees and facility for agency operations, administering COG authorized capital improvement projects at regional recreation facilities and review and evaluate proposals related to new services or programs within existing park system.

Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board

The Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board, established by the 1974 Articles of Agreement, to serve as the official professional advisory body to local government in regards to recreation and park matters both operational and capital; to act as a coordinator for all governmental recreation and park projects in the Centre Region and provide close liaison and coordination with other related community agencies to ensure cooperative community effort and to serve as the official professional recreation and park agency of local government the board has the responsibility and authority for the management of all recreation and park facilities designated by local government.

Centre Regional Recreation Authority

The Authority Board was originally incorporated in 1970 as the "Centre Regional Recreational Authority" as an entity of the Centre Region Council of Governments. In 2013 the municipalities officially approved renaming the organizations to the "Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority."

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Centre Region Parks and Recreation Agency is part of the Centre Region Council of Governments, and provides regional parks and recreation services to participating municipalities.

Municipal Park is a public area that is zoned or otherwise designated by municipal code as a public park for purposes of recreational activity that is owned by the local governing body.

Regional Park is an area that is zoned or designated by municipal code as being land preserved on account of its natural beauty, historic interest, recreational use or other reason, that is under the administration of a form of local government.

PERMIT

Any written authorization issued by or under the authority of the Director of Parks and Recreation permitting specified park privilege.

PERSON

Any natural person, corporation, organization of persons, company, association or partnership.

POLICE OFFICER

A full-time or part-time employee assigned to criminal or traffic law enforcement duties by any of the following:

1. A police department of the state, county, city, borough, town or township. Any person who by virtue of his office or public employment is vested by law with a duty to maintain public order or to make arrests for offenses, whether that duty extends to all offenses or is limited to specific offenses

EXCRETA

All useless matter eliminated from the bodily system, as sputum, urine, fecal matter.

INTOXICATION

A state of any person being drunk, inebriated or under the influence of alcoholic beverages or spirituous liquors, taken internally or under the influence of drugs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Any rules and regulations hereby or hereafter established by the ordinance of Ferguson Township as promulgated by the Director of Centre Region Parks and Recreation under authority herein conferred.

§ 16-102. Interpretation of Rules and Regulations.

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[Ord. 873, 11/20/2006, § 2]

1. In the interpretation of the park rules and regulations ~~affecting parks, their~~ provisions shall be construed as follows:

A. Terms in Singular. Any term in the singular shall include the plural.

~~B. Terms in Masculine. Any term in the masculine shall include the feminine and neuter.~~

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C. Extension of Rules and Regulations. Any requirement or provision of these rules and regulations relating to any act shall respectively extend to and include the causing, procuring, aiding or abetting, directly or indirectly, of such act; or the permitting or the allowing of any minor in the custody of any person, doing any act prohibited by any provisions thereof.

D. Acts not Unlawful. No provision hereof shall make unlawful any act necessarily performed by any police officer or employee of the Department of Parks and Recreation or by any person, his agents or employees, in the proper and necessary execution of the terms of any agreement with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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E. Permits. Any act otherwise prohibited by these rules and regulations, provided it is not otherwise prohibited by law or local ordinance, shall be lawful if performed under, by virtue of and strictly in compliance with the provisions of a permit and to the extent authorized thereby.

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F. State and Federal Laws. These rules and regulations are in addition to and supplement all state and federal laws.

§ 16-103. Conduct Prohibited in Parks.

[Ord. 873, 11/20/2006, § 3; as amended by Ord. 952, 5/2/2011, § 1; and by Ord. 998, 1/19/2015, §§ 1, 2]

1. Disturbing the Peace. No person shall disturb the peace in any park by any act.

2. Immorality and Indecency. No person shall do any obscene or indecent act in any park, or display, expose or distribute any picture, banner or other object suggestive of sex in a lewd, indecent, immoral way; ~~or enter a comfort station or toilet set apart for the use of the opposite sex; nor shall any person loiter in any comfort station or toilet at any time, nor shall any person dress or undress in any park except in dressing rooms provided for such persons.~~

3. Unbecoming Language. No person shall use threatening, abusive, insulting, profane or obscene language or words in any parks.

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4. Soliciting Money. No person shall solicit money, subscriptions, or contributions for any purpose in any park unless authorized by permit from the Director of the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Department.

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5. Intoxication. No person shall enter a park ~~park manifestly, under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance an intoxicated condition~~; nor shall any person consume or have in his possession ~~or drink, or use in any park~~ any alcoholic beverage; nor shall any person have in his ~~possession or use in any park~~ any illegal drug(s) ~~drugs of any kind~~ while in any park.

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6. Weapons, Projectiles, Etc. No person shall perform the following actions within parks or playgrounds without having previously obtained written consent and approval of the Director of the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Department. Carry or discharge an air rifle or air pistol, a paintball gun or paintball marker; fireworks (including rockets) or other missile propelling instruments or explosives a slingshot or a bow and arrow, or other dangerous weapons, excepting firearms, which have such properties as to cause annoyance or injury to any person or property; provided further that no person shall discharge any firearm within parks or playgrounds. The

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foregoing exception relating to firearms is intended to eliminate any prohibition relating to the carrying or possessing of firearms. However, the discharge of firearms in parks or playgrounds is prohibited other than for lawful personal protection.

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7. Throwing Missiles. No person shall, in any park, throw, cast, lay, deposit or propel any missile except in the performance of an authorized recreational activity.

8. Dangerous Conduct. No person shall interfere with, encumber, obstruct or render dangerous any park or part thereof.

9. ~~Excreta. No person shall emit, eject, or cause to be deposited in any park, any excreta of the human body, except in proper receptacles designated for such purposes.~~

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10. Improper Admission. No person shall gain improper admission to, or use of, or attempted admission to any park facility, for which a charge is made, without paying the fixed charge or price of admission.

11. ~~No use of snowmobiles, mini-bikes, motorcycles, or any vehicle recreational or otherwise except on designated roads, trails, or areas set aside for their use.~~

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12. ~~Disobeying Authorities and Signs. No person shall, in any park, disobey a proper order of a police officer or any Park and Recreation employee designated by the Director of the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Department to give orders. Nor shall any person in any park disobey, disregard or fail to comply with any rule or regulation, warning, prohibition, instruction or direction, posted or displayed by sign, notice, bulletin, card, poster, or when notified or informed as to its existence by a park employee or other authorized person.~~

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13. Hunting and Trapping. It is unlawful to hunt ~~for~~, capture or kill, or attempt to capture or kill, or aid or assist in capturing or killing of, in any manner, any wild bird or wild animal of any description, either game or otherwise.

14. Camping. Day or overnight camping of any type is prohibited except as authorized by the Director of the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Department.

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15. ~~Unmanned Aircraft to include radio-controlled, string-controlled, remote-controlled, and tethered model aircraft, and drones. Unmanned Aircraft shall not be placed in flight or landed in any pocket, neighborhood, or community park. Unmanned Aircraft may be placed in flight or landed with a permit from the Director of the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Department in the Regional Parks (Oak Hall Regional Park, Hess Softball Complex), and Whitehall Road Regional Road Park) when not interfering with other permitted and scheduled events or activities. All Unmanned Aircraft operators must follow all Federal Aviation Administration's FAA protocols to include safe operations, licensing, inspections, training, flight patterns, distances, heights, etc. Exceptions will be made for other parks for commercial uses only (i.e., commercial filming) with a permit request to the Director of Parks and Recreation. Remote-Controlled or Tethered Model Aircraft. Remote-controlled or tethered model aircraft shall not be operated in any park without a permit for the operation thereof issued by the Director of the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Department.~~

§ 16-104. Treatment of Park Property.

[Ord. 873, 11/20/2006, § 4]

1. Defacing, Breaking, and Injuring Trees, Plants, Benches, etc. No person shall cut, break, injure, deface, or disturb any tree, shrub, plant, rock, building, cage, pen, monument, fence, bench, or other structure, apparatus or property or pluck, pull up, cut, take or remove any shrub, bush, plant or flower; or mark, or write upon any building, monument, fence, bench or other structure, or injure, deface or remove any property real or personal or any natural growth, structure, equipment, animals, signs, or other park property.

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2. Setting of Fires. No fires shall be set in any park except in areas where fires are designated as permitted or except as authorized by permit issued under the authority of the Director of the Centre Region Parks and Recreation **Department**.
3. Discharging in Bodies of Water. No person shall throw, cast, lay, drop or discharge into or leave in any body of water in any park, or in any storm sewer, or drain flowing into said water, or in any gutter, sewer or basin, any substance, matter or thing, whatsoever.

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4. Animals in Parks. No person owning or being custodian or having control of any animal, livestock or poultry, shall cause or permit same to go at large in any park except for dogs in designated fenced off-leash areas in accordance with posted rules and regulations. A dog or other domesticated animal may be brought into park; provided, that such animal is continuously restrained by a leash not exceeding six feet in length, and in control at all times, except that no dog or other such animal shall be permitted in the immediate vicinity of bath houses, wading pools, and children's play areas or in any area designated by signs as prohibited areas.

5. Horses. No person shall ride or lead a horse into or upon lawns or other areas in any park. Horses may be permitted in designated fenced pasture areas and established riding rings.

6. Waste Matter. No person or animal shall deposit, drop or leave any feces, papers, bottles, debris, or other waste matter or refuse of any kind in any park or part thereof except in such receptacles as may be provided for the purpose.

§ 16-105. Traffic Control.

[Ord. 873, 11/20/2006, § 5]

1. Vehicles to be Operated at Reasonable Speed, Not to Exceed 15 Miles per Hour. No person shall operate any motor vehicle on any roadway in any park at any rate of speed greater than is reasonable having regard to the width of the roadway, traffic, and use of such roadway, intersection with other roadways, weather and other conditions; and in no event shall any vehicle be operated on such highway at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour.

2. Repairs to Vehicles. No person shall in any park make repairs to any vehicle except those of a minor nature, and then only in cases of emergency.

3. Vehicle to be Operated on Roadways and Parked in Approved Areas. No person shall operate any vehicle in any part of a park except on roadways established for the operation of vehicles, nor shall any person park any vehicle in any area except those specifically designated for parking purposes. No vehicle shall be parked in any park overnight. Any vehicle(s) left overnight may be towed at the owners cost.

§ 16-106. Regulated Uses.

[Ord. 873, 11/20/2006, § 6]

1. Permits. A permit to do any act shall authorize the same only insofar as it may be performed in strict accordance with the written terms and conditions thereof. Any violation of any law, ordinance, or rule or regulation by the holder or agents of the holder of any permit shall constitute grounds for revocation, which action shall be final. In case of revocation, all moneys paid therefore shall, at the option of the Centre Region Department of Parks and Recreation, be forfeited and shall leave the violator liable for all damages or loss suffered in excess of such forfeited or retained money, and such moneys retained or damage paid, or both, shall not relieve such person from liability to punishment for violation of any law, ordinance, rule or regulation.

2. Public Events. No person shall conduct, operate, present or manage in any park, a parade, drill, maneuver, public meeting, ceremony, speech, address, public contest, exhibit, dramatic performance, spectacle, play, motion picture, fair, circus, or show of any kind or nature, band, choir, glee club, orchestra, without a permit.

3. Picnics. All organized picnics or outings shall be authorized by permits obtained previous to entering any park.

4. Baseball and Softball Fields. All organized teams, leagues, agencies, schools, churches and other groups must obtain a permit for these facilities before announcing schedules.

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- 5. Selling Concessions. No person shall in any park exhibit, sell, or offer for sale, hire, lease or let out any object, service or merchandise or anything whatsoever, whether corporal or incorporal, except under a permit issued by the Centre Region Department of Parks and Recreation.
- 6. Advertising. No person shall advertise in any park in any manner whatsoever for any reason whatsoever, except by permit issued by the Centre Region Department of Parks and Recreation.
- 7. Games in Designated Areas. No person shall throw, cast, catch, kick, play with, or strike any gameball whatsoever or engage in any sport, game, or competition except in places and during the time designated therefore. Nor shall a person engage in or play a game or other sport or contest of a nature different from the one for which the designated area was created, except in such areas as are officially set aside for diversified games.

§ 16-107. Centre Region Parks and Recreation Department.

[Ord. 873, 11/20/2006, § 7]

- 1. In order to provide for equitable use of park facilities, preserve park areas, and facilities, and protect the safety of users of the parks and their facilities, the Director of the Centre Region Parks and Recreation **Department** shall have the following authority, the enumeration of which shall not restrict the general authority and control of the Director over parks:

- ~~A. To Fix Time. To fix times when the parks or parts thereof shall be open to public use. All parks are closed from sunset to sunrise except:~~
 - ~~i. When attending a Centre Region Parks and Rec event~~
 - ~~ii. When attending an event approved by a permit from Centre Region Parks and Rec~~
 - ~~iii. When actively walking through the park on a designated path~~

- B. To Restrict Use. To designate parks and parts thereof as restricted to the use of certain portions of the public at certain times as **he** sees fit.
- C. To Issue Permits. Under uniform conditions to be prescribed by **him**, to issue permits for regulated uses as hereinbefore enumerated.
- D. To Fix, Charge and Collect Fees. To fix, charge and collect such fees and deposits for the use of park areas or facilities or privileges as **he** deems advisable to help defray the expense of the parks and their **facilities**.

§ 16-108. Enforcement and Penalties.

[Ord. 873, 11/20/2006, § 8]

- 1. Police officers ~~of the Township or state, or Township or park employees appointed as special park police,~~ shall have the authority to enforce these rules and regulations.
- 2. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof in a proceeding commenced before a district justice pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedures, be sentenced to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- 3. The Township may maintain a civil action, in addition to any prosecution under Subsection 2 hereof, to recover from any party responsible therefore damages for injury to park and recreation equipment and property.

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Review Name:

Park and Recreation Ordinance Review Comment Guide			
Page #	Section	Targeted Sentence or Statement	Reviewer Comments or Questions
	16-101	Definitions	Added "Council of Governments" to definition
	16-101	Definitions	Added "Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority" to definition
	16-101	Definitions	Added "Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board" to definition
	16-101	Definitions	Added "Centre Regional Recreation Authority" definition
	16-101	Definitions	Added "Centre Region Parks and Recreation Agency/Department" definitions
	16-101	Definitions	Added "Municipal Park" to definitions
	16-101	Definitions	Added "Regional Park" definitions
	16-101	Definitions	Changed "Police Officer" definition
	16-101	Definition	Removed "Excreta" from definition
	6-102	Section 1	Edited text.
	16-102	Section 1 (B)	Removed provision b entirely
	16-102	Section 1 (D)	Highlighted "Department" to confirm if name is accurate
	16-102	Section 1 (E)	Highlighted to determine if a rewrite would help bring clarity or updated.
	16-103	Section 3	Highlighted "Unbecoming" to recommend replacing
	16-103	Section 5	Edited text.
	16-103	Section 9	Removed section entirely.
	16-104	Section 6	Highlighted to discuss/determine if a rewrite would bring clarity or updated language.
	16-104	Section 11	Highlighted to determine if a rewrite is necessary to include personal delivery devices and point to signage or websites for permission use?

	16-104	Section 12	Highlighted text for review and rewrite consideration.
	16-103	Section 13	Added text per CRPR suggested edits.
	16-103	Section 14	Highlighted "Department" to confirm if name is accurate
	16-103	Section 15	Deleted all existing text and replaced with new text per CRPR edits.
	16-103	Section 15	Unmanned Aircraft - Related to CRPR comments: the suggested wording actually defines Unmanned Aircraft. I would suggest moving the first sentence of their suggested text to the definition section. And leaving the balance under #15. Suggestion to add Unmanned Aircraft to definitions section
	16-104	Section 1	Suggest a comment related to not being allowed to create, break, or alter a trail within parks. May not be an issue but do see this within Circleville Park in Patton Township.
	16-104	Section 4	Highlighted text to determine if a rewrite is necessary for clarity and updated language.
	16-104	Section 4	Added "and in control at all times" per CRPR suggested edits.
	16-104	Section 3	Added "No vehicle shall be parked in any park overnight. Any vehicle(s) left overnight may be towed at the owners cost"
	16-107	Section 1 (A)	Remove "To fix time..." add "i. When attending a Centre Region Parks and Recreation event. ii. When attending an event approved by a permit from Centre Region Parks and Recreation. iii. When activity walking through the park on a designated path."
	16-107	Section 1 (B) (C) (D)	Change pronoun so all text is gender neutral
	16-107	Section 1 (D)	Recommendation: Set the fees regionally and place the fees in ordinance with language that is open and transparent. This could be reviewed every two or three years by all members in CRPR in collaboration with the Township Board.
	16-107	Section 1 (D)	In terms of how and when fees are set. I would agree with Sgt. Hendrick on singular rate across all parks. And, would suggest the process of determining the fee, not the fee amount itself, be documented and/or approved.
	16-108	Section 1	Removed

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**1974 Centre Region Parks and
Recreation Articles of Agreement**

Below

JOINT ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT
CENTRE REGION PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

THIS AGREEMENT is made this 20th day of May, 1974, by and among the Townships of College, Ferguson, Halfmoon, Harris and Patton and the Borough of State College, all of Centre County, Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS the Townships of College, Ferguson, Halfmoon, Harris and Patton and the Borough of State College have joined together in a voluntary organization known as the Centre Region Council of Governments and on December 2, 1969 adopted the Articles of Agreement; and,

WHEREAS the Articles of Agreement between and among the municipalities affecting the voluntary organization defined the local responsibilities and area of authority, and required that each renewal or new regional service or program between and among all or any of the municipalities shall be implemented by separate joint Articles of Agreement which shall be enacted by local ordinances or resolutions which shall be filed together with a joint Article of Agreement with the Council of Governments; and,

WHEREAS all parties are legally authorized to enter into an Agreement for the joint administration of a regional program for their respective municipalities; and,

WHEREAS the Townships of College, Ferguson, Halfmoon, Patton and Harris and the Borough of State College have agreed to continue to participate in the supervision of a Regional Parks and Recreation program now operating under the title "Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board";

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the Articles of Agreement and obligations herein contained, it is agreed by and among the Townships of College, Ferguson, Halfmoon, Harris and Patton and the Borough of State College as follows:

1. Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board:

a. The Parks and Recreation Board shall consist of one member from each of the participating municipalities and one member from the State College Area School District. One member each shall be appointed by the Borough of State College, the Township of College, the Township of Ferguson, the Township of Halfmoon, the Township of Harris and the Township of Patton for such terms as shall, from time to time, comply with existing laws, so that the term of members shall be staggered. If any representative to the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board shall cease to be a member of said Board for any reason prior to the expiration of his term, his vacancy so caused shall be filled by appointment made by the municipality which such member represents for the remaining balance of the unexpired term caused by the vacancy.

b. The Director of the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board shall be the administrative officer and shall be responsible

to the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board for the direction and control of the recreational program and personnel.

c. The Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board, to the extent authorized by the municipalities, shall have the responsibility to initiate such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to control and manage all municipal parks and recreational facilities of the participating municipalities in the Centre Region.

2. Personnel:

a. The Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board with the approval of the Centre Region Council of Government shall appoint a Director of Parks and Recreation who shall serve as the administrative officer of the Board and who shall coordinate the development and supervision of recreation activities and facilities.

b. The Parks and Recreation Director shall have the authority to select all other staff personnel for the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board.

c. All personnel shall be employed by the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board and their salaries and numbers shall be as given in the Board's annual budget approved by the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board and authorized by the Centre Region Council of Governments.

3. Equipment:

a. All equipment required and used in the recreational

programs established by the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board shall be held in trusteeship by the Borough of State College for regulation and insurance purposes, but shall be owned by the municipalities participating in this agreement on the same percentage basis as provided for by the standard Centre Region Council of Governments' cost of sharing formula.

b. All park and recreational property, equipment and buildings of the participating municipalities shall be administered and maintained by the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board, to the extent authorized by the municipalities.

4. Costs of the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Program:

a. The expenses of the Board, after all fees and revenues are deducted, shall be shared by the membered municipalities based upon the standard Council of Governments' formula.

b. The annual budget for the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board shall be submitted as required by the Centre Region Council of Governments' Advisory Board and shall contain estimates of all expenses and receipts from fees and other sources and an estimate of the member municipality's share.

c. The amounts designated in the annual budget of the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board shall not be binding on the parties hereto until approved by all the governing

bodies, and incorporated into the official budgets of the participating municipalities. Each member municipality's share shall be payable, upon invoice, as follows: January 25%, April 25%, July 40%, and October 10%.

5. Term of Agreement:

a. This Agreement shall become effective upon execution and shall continue in full force and effect until cancelled by any party giving notice in writing to the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board and to the Centre Region Council of Governments to terminate the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be mutually executed by their proper corporate and authorized officers and affixed their respective seals of the corporation the day and year first above written.

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP

WITNESS

Barbara J. Natalie

BY: Edward J. Williams
Chairman

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP

WITNESS

Barbara J. Natalie

BY: Erna H. Eymann
Chairman

HALFMOON TOWNSHIP

WITNESS

decided not to participate in the
BY: Centre Region Parks & Rec Program.
Chairman

HARRIS TOWNSHIP

WITNESS

Barbara J. Natalie

BY:

Raym. Hendrick
Chairman

PATTON TOWNSHIP

WITNESS

Barbara J. Natalie

BY:

Vito S. Lupis
Chairman

STATE COLLEGE BOROUGH

WITNESS

Barbara J. Natalie

BY:

Arnold Anderson
President

**1978 COG Resolution #78-3 Role of Parks
and Recreation Board**

Below

CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

MUNICIPAL BUILDING 118 SOUTH FRASER STREET

STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA 16801

(814) 234-0353

April 17, 1978

RESOLUTION 78-3

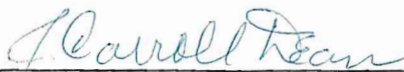
ROLE OF PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

WHEREAS the COG member municipalities executed joint Articles of Agreement in 1974 establishing the responsibilities of the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board, and

WHEREAS the COG Executive Committee requested and received a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board concerning the future role of the Board,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Centre Region Council of Governments

1. That the responsibilities of the Parks and Recreation Board as established by the 1974 Articles of Agreement are reaffirmed, and
2. That the role of the Board now is and shall be in the future as follows:
 - a. The official professional advisory body to local government in regards to recreation and park matters both operational and capital.
 - b. To act as coordinator for all governmental recreation and park projects in the Centre Region and provide close liaison and coordination with other related community agencies to ensure total cooperative community effort to provide the most effective, most economical services possible.
 - c. As the official professional recreation and park agency of local government the Board has the responsibility and authority for the management of all recreation and park facilities designated by local government.
3. And that all recreation and park facilities designated by local governments shall be incorporated into the regional program as planned for and agreed to by the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board.



J. Carroll Dean, Chairman



Thomas S. Kurtz, General Secretary

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**2008 Council of Government
Articles of Agreement
Below**

EXHIBIT A

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN AND AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF COLLEGE, FERGUSON, HALFMOON, HARRIS, PATTON AND THE BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE

PREAMBLE

We, the elected representatives of the municipalities comprising the Centre Region, recognize that many of the problems and needs confronting this region are independent of political boundaries; that any solutions to our problems and the programs that we formulate to meet our common needs will have a greater chance of success if they are undertaken jointly and in a cooperative manner.

Therefore, the representatives of the Townships of College, Ferguson, Halfmoon, Harris and Patton and the Borough of State College hereby join together to form the Centre Region Council of Governments (Centre Region COG).

The overriding goal of the Centre Region COG is to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Centre Region in the face of increasing pressures due to economic and population growth. We believe that this goal can best be achieved through cooperative efforts by the regional municipalities. This involves combining our various resources to meet regional challenges which may be beyond our individual capabilities.

The key to the success of the Centre Region COG is for all municipal officials to exhibit a strong commitment to seek the solution of common problems within the context of the COG. We recognize that cooperation which is truly regional will sometimes entail some trade-offs, but we believe it will result in better regional qualities than could be achieved by individual municipal actions.

This agreement is to establish a council of governments in the Centre Region. It does not create a new layer of government, or a supergovernment. It does provide a means of communication, cooperation and joint action in the interest of the municipalities individually and collectively.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the “Centre Region Council of Governments” and henceforth may be referred to as the “Centre Region COG.”

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The intention of the founders of the Centre Region COG was to meet at regular intervals to foster a cooperative effort to resolve regional problems, to determine policies, and to formulate plans and programs to meet regional needs. The Centre Region COG has grown to embrace a number of purposes, all related to the original design of the founders. These are:

- A. **Forum:** To serve as a mutual forum to identify, discuss, study, and bring into focus regional issues and needs.
- B. **Communication & Coordination:** To provide the organizational structure necessary to ensure effective communications and coordination among municipalities.
- C. **Policies & Priorities:** To foster, develop, and review policies, plans, and priorities for regional growth and development and to conserve natural and cultural resources.
- D. **Community Facilities & Services:** To facilitate cooperative efforts to provide community facilities and services.
- E. **Regional Spokesperson:** To maintain liaison with members, governmental units and groups or organizations and to serve as regional spokesperson for local governments to governmental units and organizations at the county, state, and federal levels.
- F. **Staff Support:** To furnish general and technical staff support to member municipalities as they direct or request, to promote and implement approved agreements, policies, projects and programs.
- G. **Regional Review:** To review and coordinate federal, state, and local programs of regional importance.

ARTICLE III – POWERS & SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

As specified in the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of July 12, 1972, Title 53, Pa. C.S. Section 481 et. seq., municipalities may cooperate in the exercise or performance of their respective governmental functions, powers or responsibilities. It is the intention of the municipalities subscribing to these Articles of Agreement that the Centre Region COG may establish any program and perform any function permitted in the enabling legislation and subsequently agreed to by the participating municipalities. In order to carry out these activities, it is hereby agreed that unless otherwise specified below, upon approval of a majority vote of the General Forum, the COG may:

- A. employ staff in permanent or temporary, part-time or full-time positions as necessary, according to adopted policies;
- B. establish employee benefit programs and enter into contracts for social security, group insurance and other benefits;
- C. receive, administer and dispense funds from municipal, state, federal, or other sources;

- D. borrow and/or contract for the repayment of funds, and when the amount of the proposed borrowing exceeds 1½ % of the total budget figure for the COG, including fund balances, or when the instrument for repayment of that debt has a term of five years or more, unanimous approval of all municipalities is required;
- E. with unanimous approval of all member municipalities, acquire, manage, license, lease or dispose of real property, as specified in these Articles of Agreement and in accordance with executed contracts;
- F. acquire, manage, license, or dispose of personal property as specified in these Articles of Agreement and in accordance with executed contracts;
- G. establish in these Articles of Agreement such organizational structure as deemed necessary;
- H. contract for services;
- I. initiate, advise, aid in the establishment of or amend cooperative agreements among local governments in the region;
- J. propose, initiate, implement or revise studies, policy discussions and plans for the Centre Region COG;
- K. make recommendations to any local governments or other appropriate agencies or entities; and,
- L. take other actions consistent with enabling legislation and the terms of these Articles of Agreement.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

- A. **Eligibility:** Voting membership shall be open initially to the Townships of College, Ferguson, Halfmoon, Harris, and Patton and the Borough of State College.

Non-voting membership shall be open to any organization designated by the voting membership.
- B. **Representation:** Each member municipality shall be officially represented by its elected governing officials. A municipality may also include its mayor as a representative.
- C. **Admission:** Each member municipality must subscribe by ordinance to these Articles of Agreement and agree to be bound to the extent provided in these Articles and other agreements adopted by the Centre Region COG.

Additional municipalities may become members of the Centre Region COG in accordance with the following procedures:

1. The municipality wishing to be considered for membership shall submit a letter of interest to the General Forum.
 2. Upon receipt of a request for admission to membership, the General Forum shall consider how the expanded membership will affect the Centre Region's common interests and its ability to accomplish its stated purposes.
 3. The General Forum will approve or disapprove the membership request within 90 days of its receipt. All membership actions shall require approval by all the current member municipalities.
 4. In approving a membership request, the General Forum shall state the terms and conditions for membership which may include, but not be limited to, proportionate reimbursements for past capital expenditures.
 5. If the General Forum approves a request, a municipality shall signify its acceptance of the terms of membership by enacting within 60 days and ordinance approving the Articles of Agreement and other terms and conditions.
 6. The General Forum may approve contracts to provide services to non-member municipalities and other agencies without requiring membership as a condition of participation.
- D. **Withdrawal:** A member municipality shall have the right to withdraw from the Centre Region COG at the end of any calendar year by giving twelve months prior written notice to the COG chair and the Executive Director. This notice shall be in the form of an ordinance approved by the elected board/council. A municipality's withdrawal will in no way serve to void or lessen any previous financial obligation incurred by that municipality as a member of the Centre Region COG.

ARTICLE V - ORGANIZATION

- A. **Officers:** The officers of the Centre Region COG shall be a chair and vice chair/chair elect, and such other officers as from time to time shall be provided for by the General Forum. Officers shall be elected at the Centre Region COG's organizational meeting from the membership of the General Forum, and shall hold office for one year from the organizational meeting until their respective successors have been duly elected. No person shall hold more than one office, except that the chair and vice chair/chair elect shall simultaneously serve as the chair and vice chair/chair elect of the Executive Committee. If both the chair and the vice chair/chair elect refuse or are unable to serve, the General Forum shall appoint an acting chair.

1. Office of the Chair – The chair shall succeed to the office from the office of the vice chair/chair elect. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the General Forum. The chair shall: appoint special committees, which the General Forum may from time to time deem necessary; decide all questions of order; and have other powers and perform such other duties as are incumbent upon the office or are assigned by the General Forum.
2. Office of the Vice Chair/Chair Elect – The vice-chair/chair elect shall be nominated by the Executive Committee, considering the established rotation of the municipalities. The vice chair/chair elect shall perform and have powers of the Chair when the Chair is absent, is unable to, or refuses to serve. If the office of chair becomes vacant, the vice chair/chair elect shall become acting chair for the unexpired term and a new acting vice chair/chair elect shall be elected at the next General Forum meeting. At the next General Forum organizational meeting these positions will become chair and vice chair/chair elect, respectively.

At the conclusion of a normal term of the chair, the vice chair/chair elect shall automatically succeed to the office of chair at the next General Forum organizational meeting.

In the event of the vice chair/chair elect is not re-elected, is unable to serve, or is removed for any reason at the municipal elections, that individual's board/council shall appoint a replacement who will assume all the responsibilities of the position.

B. **Executive Director:** The General Forum shall appoint an Executive Director to manage the affairs of the Centre Region COG, subject to the provisions of these Articles of Agreement and such policies as may be adopted by the General Forum. The Executive Director shall:

1. be, ex officio, the secretary of the Centre Region COG and shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the General Forum;
2. prepare the budget for review by the Finance Committee, and upon its approval by the General Forum, have authority to disburse the sums as appropriated;
3. be, ex officio, the treasurer of the Centre Region COG, and shall be responsible for the accounting records and financial statements for the General Forum for the Centre Region;
4. have the responsibility of proposing policies, programs, and services for consideration by the General Forum, and shall have responsibility for implementing such policies;

5. appoint and discharge all Centre Region COG employees, consistent with the guidelines set forth in the Personnel Policy and the program agreements, except agency directors whose appointment or dismissal shall require the prior concurrence of the Executive Committee;
 6. propose and coordinate revisions to the Centre Region COG's Personnel Policy, Position Classification Plan, and Employee Performance Evaluation Program; and,
 7. serve as a member of the Centre Region Emergency Management Council.
- C. **Solicitor:** The Centre Region COG General Forum shall appoint a solicitor, who shall be the chief consultant of the Centre Region COG in all legal matters.
- D. **General Forum:**
1. General Forum Body - The General Forum shall be the general policy body of the Centre Region COG.
 2. Meetings - The General Forum shall meet at least six times a year. Additional meetings may take place upon call of its chair or Executive Committee or by petition of two or more of the member municipalities. During the month of January, the General Forum shall conduct an organizational meeting to select Officers and designate regular meeting dates. Except in extreme emergency, a special meeting shall require that a minimum notice of one week be provided to the chair/president or manager of each municipality.
 3. Responsibilities - As the general policy body of the Centre Region COG, the General Forum is responsible both for considering and for carrying out the programs and functions agreed to by the participating municipalities. The General Forum, in accordance with all provisions of these Articles, shall:
 - a. annually install the vice chair/chair elect as the current year's chair and elect a vice chair/chair elect and other officers as required;
 - b. adopt a budget for the next fiscal year;
 - c. resolve membership and participation questions;
 - d. act on amendments to the Articles of Agreement;
 - e. act on all proposals to initiate, continue, modify, or discontinue any programs or functions of the COG;
 - f. appoint and dismiss the executive director;

- g. appoint a solicitor;
 - h. adopt a Personnel Policy, Position Classification Plan, and Employee Evaluation Program; and,
 - i. ratify a local emergency or disaster emergency declaration as defined in the Joint Articles of Agreement for the Regional Emergency Management Program.
- E. **Committees:** The General Forum may establish such standing, special or ad hoc committees as deemed appropriate to conduct its business. Standing committees may include, but not be limited to: Executive, Finance, Human Resources, Parks Capital, Public Safety, Public Services and Environmental, and Transportation and Land Use Committees. The following policies shall apply:
1. Membership - Standing committees shall consist of one representative appointed by each Centre Region COG municipality. The chair and vice chair/chair elect of COG shall serve on the Executive Committee as the representatives of their respective municipalities.
 2. Meetings - Standing committees usually meet monthly or upon call of the chair, or at the direction of the General Forum, or upon call of two or more of the voting membership of the committee. All standing committees shall meet and hold a reorganizational meeting to elect a chair before the organizational General Forum meeting scheduled in January each year.
 3. Representatives - It is the intent of the General Forum that municipal representatives to COG standing committees shall be elected board/council members. From time to time, however, scheduling conflicts may arise that reasonably preclude an elected official from attending an assigned committee meeting. In those cases, the municipality's elected representative may authorize an appropriate elected or appointed official to attend the meeting. The voting powers of any alternate representative shall be determined in advance by municipal board/council, and shall be communicated to the Centre Region COG Executive Director each January.
 4. Liaisons to Committees - Non-voting membership to a Committee shall be open to any organization designated by the voting membership.
 5. Responsibilities - Standing committees established by the General Forum shall have the following responsibilities:
 - a. **Executive Committee**
 - i. To nominate officers to the General Forum for approval and election.

- ii. To set the meeting agenda for the General Forum.
- iii. To annually evaluate the work performance of the Executive Director.
- iv. To refer studies, projects, and questions to the appropriate COG committee.
- v. To study and prepare recommendations on topics requested by the General Forum.
- vi. To declare a local emergency or disaster emergency as defined in the Joint Articles of Agreement for the Regional Emergency Management Program.

b. **Finance Committee**

- i. To recommend an annual budget to the General Forum.
- ii. To recommend revisions of the annual budget to the General Forum as necessitated by changing conditions.
- iii. To review and present the annual Centre Area Transportation Authority budget to the General Forum.
- iv. To recommend a capital improvement budget to the General Forum with annual and multiple year elements.
- v. To approve monthly vouchers for payment as may be recommended by the Executive Director
- vi. To study and prepare recommendations on COG financial matters as requested by the Executive Committee.

c. **Human Resources Committee**

- i. To periodically review the Centre Region COG's Personnel Policy, Position Classification Plan and Employee Evaluation Procedures to keep them current and operating effectively.
- ii. To approve new or revised job descriptions as proposed by the Executive Director.
- iii. To serve as the Grievance Resolution Committee and to perform other personnel duties as identified in the COG's Personnel Policy or other related policy documents.

- iv. To study and prepare recommendations on the Centre Region COG personnel policies and procedures as requested by the Executive Committee.

d. **Parks Capital Committee**

- i. To recommend the designation of regional park facilities (i.e., facilities involving joint capital funding such as regional parks, swimming pools, nature centers, etc.) to the General Forum.
- ii. To develop and recommend a funding strategy for the planning, development, and operation of regional park facilities to the General Forum.
- iii. To cooperate with the Centre Regional Recreation Authority and Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board in the preparation of recommended master site plans for regional recreation facilities for referral to the General Forum and/or the participating municipalities.
- iv. To study and prepare recommendations on regional parks as requested by the Executive Committee.

e. **Public Safety Committee**

- i. To study and prepare recommendations on emergency management, fire protection, emergency medical services, and code administration as requested by the Executive Committee.
- ii. To provide policy guidance on the operation, apparatus, and facilities, of the regional fire protection program and prepare recommendations for the General Forum.
- iii. To provide policy guidance on the operation of the Code Administration Agency and make recommendations for permit fee and policy changes to the participating municipalities through the General Forum.
- iv. To consider for possible referral to the General Forum, recommendations from the Centre Region Emergency Management Council regarding the joint emergency management program.

- v. To coordinate studies, plans, and proposals with the Public Services and Environmental Committee they relate to energy/energy conservation and/or environmental sustainability.
- vi. To consult with the fire and emergency services providers regarding the emergency services needs of the Centre Region municipalities and to prepare recommendations for addressing those needs for the General Forum to consider.

f. **Public Services and Environmental Committee**

- i. To recommend and/or review programs, project initiatives, or other actions relating to the energy/energy conservation and/or environmental sustainability of the Centre Region.
- ii. To recommend bidding specifications for the refuse/recycling program to the General Forum and to recommend actions on major policy issues affecting that program.
- iii. To recommend and/or review actions relating to the operation of sewer, water, stormwater and other public infrastructures.
- iv. To coordinate studies, plans and proposals with the Public Safety Committee as they relate to public utilities and public safety.
- v. To study and prepare recommendations on public services and the sewage management program as requested by the Executive Committee.

g. **Transportation and Land Use Committee**

- i. To study and prepare recommendations on coordinating major land use and transportation plans.
- ii. To discuss, as appropriate, matters considered by the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (e.g., Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan, and Centre County Transportation Improvement Program).
- iii. To meet semi-annually with the Centre Regional Planning Commission to discuss regional planning issues of common interest.

- iv. To provide input to Centre Area Transportation Authority on an annual basis about proposed changes in service.
 - v. To study and prepare recommendations on transportation policy, issues, or projects as requested by the Executive Committee.
- F. **Rules of Order:** Any matter pertaining to the conduct of any meeting and the procedures thereof shall be governed by the latest edition of Roberts' Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VI – QUORUM & VOTING

- A. **Voting:** Each municipality shall have one “unit vote.” However, to facilitate conducting ordinary business at the General Forum, the chair may use a majority vote of those present as a procedure to be followed in passage of motions and resolutions. Any member of the General Forum shall have the right to call for a “unit vote” on an issue being voted upon, at any time. A call for a “unit vote” shall void any action on the motion or resolution ruled upon by the majority vote procedure.
- B. **Quorum:** A quorum of the Centre Region COG General Forum shall be declared if:
- 1. A majority of municipalities (4 of 6 currently) is represented by at least one elected official each and a majority of the total number of elected officials of member municipalities (currently 17 of 32) is present.

Should the preceding standard not be met, a quorum shall be declared if:

- 2. A majority of municipalities is each represented by a majority of the elected officials from each municipality. (Currently 4 of 6 municipalities; a majority of 4 or 3 from each is required.)

A quorum of a standing committee shall consist of a simple majority of its total voting membership.

ARTICLE VII – FINANCING

A municipality participating in the Centre Region COG is responsible for contributing to the cost of operating the Centre Region COG and its agencies. These costs shall be established by the General Forum in the annual budget. The two municipal financial obligations are: funding the budget for the Office of Administration; and contributing toward the programs in which a municipality participates.

A. **Financial Obligations:**

1. Administrative Financing -

To recognize the shared commitment to the Centre Region COG, all member municipalities shall fund the budget for the Office of Administration according to the COG Formula, as defined below.

- a. **COG Formula:** Costs based on the COG Formula shall be prorated among the member governments, giving equal weight to population, assessed valuation of taxable real property, and gross earned income. The population factors will be updated based on the latest data provided by the U. S. Census. The annual assessed valuation figure will be determined by the Centre County Assessment Office. The gross earned income or local personal income (whichever is in effect) factor will be annually updated based on the latest Department of Community and Economic Development annual financial report, filed by each member municipality. The General Forum by unanimous vote may adjust census, assessed valuation, and income information reflecting special community characteristics. Any change in the COG formula must be submitted to the Executive Director prior to July 1 and approved by the General Forum prior to October 1 to take effect in the following fiscal year.

2. Program Financing

- a. **Centre Region COG Member:** A member municipality is only obligated to contribute to those programs in which it participates. The municipal shares of these programs shall be supported as established in Article IX.
- b. **Non-Member Organizations:** Non-member organizations may participate in COG programs with the approval of the General Forum. Program costs for these organizations shall be set by the General Forum, using any method it deems appropriate.

B. **Financial Procedures:**

1. Centre Region COG members shall pay their share of administrative expenses and program costs within 35 days of the date of billing.
2. Payments must be received or postmarked by the due date or a penalty will be assessed at a rate established by the General Forum.

ARTICLE VIII – ACQUISITION & DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

A. **Acquisition:** In order to implement this Agreement, the Centre Region COG may purchase or lease real estate, vehicles, equipment, furnishings, or other items. All purchases and/or leases of real property and/or buildings shall be authorized upon approval of all member municipalities.

1. Purchases shall be made in accordance with the requirements of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Law.
2. Purchases shall be made within the amounts appropriated in the annual Centre Region COG budget, unless otherwise approved by the General Forum.

B. **Sale or Disposal:** The following procedures will apply to transfer, sale or disposal of Centre Region COG property:

1. Transfers Among COG Agencies – Upon approval of the Executive Director, personal property used by one COG agency may be transferred or sold to another COG agency provided the Executive Director determines that the cost reasonably reflects the value of the personal property.
2. Sale or Disposal – The sale or disposal of any Centre Region COG property, vehicles, office furniture, supplies, and equipment shall take place in the following manner:
 - a. It may be offered for sale at fair market value to a municipal government or school district. If none are interested, the General Forum shall authorize sale to the general public at a publically advertised sealed bid or auction. The COG may reserve the right to set a minimum price and to reject any or all bids.
 - b. Proceeds from the sale of personal property shall be accredited to the program or agency offering the item for sale.
 - c. Proceeds from the sale of real property shall be accredited to the participating municipalities in accordance with the COG formula in effect at the time of purchase.

C. **Sale or Disposal Upon Termination:** The following procedures shall apply to the sale or disposal of Centre Region COG property in the event one or more programs is terminated:

- a. It may be offered for sale at fair market value to a municipal government or school district. If none are interested, the General Forum shall authorize sale to the general public through a publically advertised sealed bid or

auction. The COG may reserve the right to set a minimum price and to reject any or all bids.

- b. Proceeds from the sale shall be distributed to each participating municipality in accordance with the current COG formula in effect for that program at the time of termination, unless one or more municipalities have withdrawn from the program(s) within the previous two years, in which case proceeds shall be distributed to all current and previously participating municipalities on a pro-rata basis in accordance with estimated program funding from each municipality.

ARTICLE IX – PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Upon admission to membership in the Centre Region COG, a municipality has the right to participate in any program offered. Programs are activities performed by agencies of the Centre Region COG on behalf of the member municipalities which relate to production and provision of governmental services to the public. Programs have the following characteristics: 1) they produce a service or other clearly definable outputs; and 2) they are expected to have an on-going commitment of personnel, capital, and financial resources. Examples of Centre Region COG programs include, but are not limited to: Regional Fire Protection, Centre Region Code Administration, Centre Region Parks & Recreation, Centre Regional Planning, Schlow Centre Region Library, Centre Region Senior Citizens' Center and Regional Emergency Management.

A. Admission:

Municipal and non-municipal organizations may participate in a program in one of three ways:

1. Those belonging to the Centre Region COG have a voice in all aspects of the program, beginning with the design and adoption of the program articles of agreement.
 - a. To participate in a program, a Centre Region COG member must agree to the articles of agreement for that program and file a signed copy with the executive director. These articles shall establish the specific terms and conditions for membership, as well as the scope of services that will be provided, and shall indicate under what circumstances those services may be expanded or reduced.
2. At the discretion of the General Forum, those not belonging to the Centre Region COG may obtain a program service as a participant and receive representation and one vote on that program committee, commission, or board.
 - a. Program costs for non-member municipal and non-municipal organizations shall be set by the General Forum.

- b. Examples of such groups include, but are not limited to: municipal or county governments, authorities, school districts, and universities.
- 3. At the discretion of the General Forum, those not belonging to the Centre Region COG may obtain a program service by contract. They do not receive representation or vote on any program committee, commission, or board.
 - a. Program costs for non-member municipal and non-municipal organizations shall be set by the General Forum.
 - b. Examples of such groups include, but are not limited to: municipal or county governments, authorities, school districts, and universities.

B. Powers & Responsibility:

1. Voting -

- a. A participant who is a member of the Centre Region COG shall have the right to vote both in the program committee and in the General Forum on issues regarding the program.

Member municipalities who are not participants in an established program shall abstain where the vote is related solely to the program.

- b. A participant who is not a member of the Centre Region COG may have the right to vote on issues coming before the program committee if such right has been granted by the General Forum.

2. Withdrawal -

- a. Centre Region COG members shall have the right to withdraw from a program at the end of any calendar year by giving twelve months prior written notice to the COG Chair and the Executive Director. This notice shall be in the form of an ordinance approved by the governing body of the organization. Withdrawal will in no way serve to void or lessen any previous financial obligation incurred by that participant, and will not affect membership in the Centre Region COG.

- b. Those not belonging to the Centre Region COG may withdraw from a program as provided in the articles of agreement for that program. Withdrawal will in no way serve to void or lessen any previous financial obligation incurred by that participant.

C. **Program Cost:**

1. A participant who is a member of the Centre Region COG is responsible for contributing to the costs of that program. These costs shall be established by the General Forum in the annual Centre Region COG budget. Contributions may be calculated on the basis of the COG formula, user fees, or another formula as determined by the articles of agreement for that program or the General Forum.
2. A participant who is not a member of the Centre Region COG is responsible for contributing to the costs of that program in accordance with the terms and conditions established for participation.
3. A non-Centre Region COG member receiving program services by contract shall be responsible for contributing to the costs of the program. Program costs for these organizations shall be set by the General Forum.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Articles of Agreement must be initially approved by a majority vote of the General Forum. In order to be adopted, the amendment must be approved by a unanimous vote at a second General Forum meeting. Amendments shall not be effective until approved by each member municipality in the same manner as this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the elected representatives of the municipalities comprising the Centre Region hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their proper officers pursuant to the authority vested in them by the governing bodies, this 23rd day of February, 2009. This Agreement repeals and supersedes the Articles of Agreement of the Centre Region Council of Governments dated October 23, 1989, and any or all amendments.

Attest: Adam [Signature] By: Dennis D. [Signature]
 Chair, Township Council

TOWNSHIP OF COLLEGE

Attest: Mark A. [Signature] By: Richard J. [Signature]
 Chair, Board of Supervisors

TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

Attest: Karen J. [Signature] By: Ben [Signature]
 Chair, Board of Supervisors

TOWNSHIP OF HALFMOON

Attest: [Signature] By: [Signature]
 Chair, Board of Supervisors

TOWNSHIP OF HARRIS

Attest: [Signature] By: Elliot Abrams [Signature]
 Chair, Board of Supervisors

TOWNSHIP OF PATTON

Attest: [Signature] By: Elizabeth A. [Signature]
 President, Borough Council

BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE

APPROVED BY MUNICIPALITIES AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ordinance Number</u>
Township of College	<u>1/5/09</u>	<u>0-09-05</u>
Township of Ferguson	<u>1/9/09</u>	<u>914</u>
Township of Halfmoon	<u>1/22/09</u>	<u>2009-1</u>
Township of Harris	<u>2/9/09</u>	<u>283</u>
Township of Patton	<u>1/5/09</u>	<u>2009-504</u>
Borough of State College	<u>12/15/08</u>	<u>1920</u>