

DAUPHIN COUNTY GAMING ADVISORY BOARD
112 Market Street, 7th Floor
Harrisburg, PA
Tuesday, April 20, 2010
4:00 p.m.

Members Present

George Groves, Chairman
Justin Warren, Vice Chairman
Jim Szymborski
David Craig
Lloyd Umberger

Also present were Mark Stewart, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC; Michael Musser, Community Networking Resources; Skip Memmi, Dauphin County DCED, and Michelle Shade.

Call to Order

Mr. Groves called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Warren made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Craig made the second motion. The minutes from December 10, 2009 were unanimously approved 5-0.

Election of Vice-Chair and Secretary

Mr. Groves made a motion to retain the current slate of officers (Mr. Groves, Chairman, Mr. Warren, Vice Chair and Mr. Craig, Secretary). Mr. Szymborski made the second motion. The motion was unanimously approved 5 – 0.

Penn National Financial Report

Projected Total Dauphin County	
Direct Local Share	\$5,120,076.65
Projected Unrestricted Funds	\$2,560,038.28
Projected Grant Funds	\$2,560,038.28
Total East Hanover Township	
Direct Local Share	\$ 940,842.00 ¹

¹ Reflects 2009 figures; information for 2010 not available

Excess Minimum Annual Local Share To Dauphin County	\$ 9,059,158.00 ²
Unrestricted Funds	\$ 4,529,579.00
Grant Funds	\$ 4,529,579.00
Combined Total Dauphin County Local Share	\$14,179,234.65
Projected Total Unrestricted Funds	\$ 7,089,617.32
Total Grant Funds	\$ 7,089,617.32
Available Grant Funds Post-MOU ³	
Total Grant Funds	\$ 7,089,617.32
less MOU Priority Funding Ceiling	– 3,000,000.00
less EHT Make-Up Grant	– 93,476.84
	<u>\$ 3,996,140.40</u>

Mr. Stewart indicated there is an anticipated revenue gain of 3%, because of table games. He also indicated that this program will not receive any of the actual table games revenue. He also reminded the board that this will be the third year of the four year MOU with East Hanover Township.

Report on Administration of Gaming Grants

Mr. Memmi advised the board that a good portion of the contracts have been returned; though we are still waiting for a handful. A few have already begun drawing on funds. Mr. Memmi added that upon the receipt of fully executed contracts, staff will be meeting with each grantee to review the process and guidelines for the program. Mr. Memmi also shared with the board the status of the 2009 projects, which are all underway or completed.

Discussion of 2010 Application & Process Revisions

Mr. Stewart reported that due to the changes in the local share section of the legislation, that came with the approval of table games, East Hanover Township, Lebanon County will now be allocated a portion of funds and there are again two grant pools (similar to the first year of the program, public interest is back into play). This board will make recommendations from both revenue streams. Mr. Stewart provided the board with a revised version of the 2010 application and reviewed the document revisions. The board suggested the addition of wording – if the applicant is seeking fire equipment/apparatus – that states they must identify any needs already met through mutual aid agreements. It was also suggested that the extra points for attending the pre-application meeting be increased to 25 points and further clarifications be added stating the County sponsorship must be through the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Stewart stated he would make the necessary changes and would circulate the final document for an email vote. He added that the application process will be open from May 1, 2010 to September 1, 2010.

² See n.1

³ Reflects discretionary determination to award grants up to priority funding ceiling.

Scheduling of Next Meeting

Chairman Groves will call the next meeting on September 16th, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.