

DAUPHIN COUNTY GAMING ADVISORY BOARD
Dauphin County Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Thursday, June 18, 2009
4:00 p.m.

Members Present

George Groves, Chairman
David Craig, Secretary
Lloyd Umberger
Jim Szyborski

Also present were Mark Stewart, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC; Michael Musser, Community Networking Resources; and Amy Richards, Dauphin County.

Call to Order

Mr. Groves called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Penn National Financial Summary and Projections

Mr. Stewart reported that as of May 2009, the projected total direct share for Dauphin County is approximately \$4.7 million. The Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board (DCGAB) can expect to have approximately \$6 million in grant funding available.

East Hanover Township can expect \$940,842.00 in direct local share funding as a result of the CPI adjustment.

Revisions to the Gaming Advisory Board Bylaws

The Dauphin County Commissioners will consider a resolution reconstituting the DCGAB under the County Code.

Initially, the Gaming Advisory Committee was established by the County pursuant to Section 1403(c)(3)(v) of the Gaming Act, 4 Pa. C.S. § 1403(c)(3)(v). As a result of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's new regulations, the portion of that provision requiring the formation of a gaming advisory committee are no longer applicable to the County. The commissioners have expressed a desire for the body to continue in its role as an advisory board on gaming grants. Thus, to avoid any confusion over the status of the advisory board, the commissioners will reconstitute the DCGAB as an advisory board formed under their general powers under the County Code, with the same members currently serving as the appointees of the Gaming Advisory Board.

Finalization of the Revised Criteria

As a result of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's expanded definition of a "licensed facility," which provides greater clarity to applicants for and holders of slot machine licenses, the category of "public interest" will be removed from the application under "Eligible Uses of Funds" and from the criteria by which applications are scored. Mr. Stewart revised the local share municipal grant application and criteria accordingly. Comments from the Board members regarding the revisions to the criteria will be accepted by Mr. Stewart.

The DCGAB discussed the categories for "Eligible Uses of Funds," including human services, infrastructure improvements, facilities and emergency services.

The draft criteria will be available on the DCGAB's Web site for applicants to review; however, the final criteria will not be approved before the next meeting in September 2009.

Correspondence

Mr. Musser and Mr. Stewart had meetings and discussions with potential applicants, such as Millersburg Borough and the county Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Stewart also spoke to Dr. Ben Scott, Northern Dauphin Revitalization Project, and instructed him to obtain an eligible municipal sponsor for his project. They expect to hold meetings with other applicants prior to the September 1 deadline.

Next Meeting

The next GAC meeting will be held on September 17, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. on the second floor conference room of the Dauphin County Administration Building.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.