

DAUPHIN COUNTY GAMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Dauphin County Administration Building, 4th Floor
Thursday, July 24, 2008
8:30 a.m.

Members Present

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

Also present were Mark Stewart, Wolf Block; Michael Musser, Community Networking Resources; and Amy Richards, Dauphin County.

Call to Order

Mr. Groves called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended, and subject to the edits of the solicitor, from the June 19, 2008 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Craig
Second: Mr. Warren
Motion passed 5-0.

Gaming Act Restrictions on Gaming Advisory Committee Members

Mr. Stewart distributed a memorandum prior to the meeting that explains certain Gaming Act provisions impacting the Gaming Advisory Committee members. Under the Gaming Act, restrictions are placed on public officials. Mr. Stewart explained three essential prohibitions in the Act. Family members of public officials cannot be employed at a casino or racetrack in Pennsylvania. Committee members cannot own Penn National stock or have financial interests in the company. Also, committee members are prohibited from accepting complimentary services not offered to the public. Mr. Stewart encouraged members to contact him with additional questions.

Preliminary Criteria & Scoring Matrix

Mr. Musser explained that the Gaming Act does not define criteria on which decisions should be based. He further explained that the Dauphin County Industrial Development Authority, the Planning Commission and the Hometown Streets program apply criteria to potential projects.

Mr. Musser distributed draft criteria to the committee members and discussed its utility with committee members. The committee members discussed how establishing criteria will help to maintain objectivity and standardization during the decision-making process. Mr. Musser advised that the scoring for projects be completed after the September 1 application deadline when applicants will present their plans to the committee. Mr. Warren suggested averaging the scores from each member to establish an overall score. Mr. Stewart added that even after the projects are scored the committee members can deliberate on the scores and recommendations. Mr. Groves asked the committee members to submit comments relevant to the criteria by August 1, 2008.

Criteria and a scoring matrix will be adopted at the next meeting.

Public Participation

Dave La Torre, resident of Dauphin County and President of La Torre Communications, offered his assistance to the committee members if they would like additional information regarding the grant application process in Washington County, Pennsylvania where the Meadows Racetrack and Casino is located.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.