

DAUPHIN COUNTY GAMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Dauphin County Administration Building, 4th Floor
Thursday, September 11, 2008
8:30 a.m.

Members Present

George Groves, 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 8:40 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the August 28, 2008 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Szymborski

Second: Mr. Umberger

Motion passed 4-0.

Summary & Projection of Financial Performance at Hollywood Casino

Mr. Stewart distributed a summary and projection of financial performance at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racecourse, which he will bring regularly to the committee meetings. Mr. Stewart reviewed the summary of financial performance at Hollywood Casino as of September 2008 in regard to Dauphin County's projected share. Based on less than 11 months of operations, the projected total Dauphin County Direct Local Share is \$3,408,865.42. Based on East Hanover Township's 2003-04 budget, the total Direct Local Share for the township is \$919,256.06. The amount is adjusted for the Department of Revenue inflation calculation and pro-rated for partial year of operations at 88.52%. The Gaming Advisory Committee (GAC) can expect \$2,587,769.60, although, depending on the financial performance of the casino, the numbers will fluctuate.

Mr. Stewart explained that Hollywood Casino is meeting its financial projections; however, a number of casinos in Pennsylvania have exceeded their projections.

Final Criteria and Scoring Matrix for Grant Applications

According to Mr. Musser, recommended changes from the GAC members were incorporated into the final criteria and scoring matrix, which will be disseminated to eligible applicants and posted on the county web site.

Mr. Musser emphasized that a primary eligible municipality must be established for an application to be considered eligible.

In regard to scoring the level of municipal support, Mr. Musser explained that municipalities with more than one application would be asked to prioritize their projects. The GAC members discussed the final criteria and scoring matrix to ensure they reached consensus.

The GAC discussed including administrative costs in the grant requests. Mr. Stewart suggested that GAC members can ask applicants to clarify and explain any administrative costs as part of the grant request process.

A motion was made to adopt the final criteria and scoring matrix as amended.

Motion: Mr. Umberger

Second: Mr. Craig

Motion passed 4-0.

The IDA and GAC may begin interviewing applicants in November and plan to have a joint hearing with East Hanover Township to review their projects.

Mr. Musser suggested GAC members begin reviewing the grant applications in preparation for the hearings. The IDA will award up to \$3 million to satisfy the MOU agreement. If applicable, the remaining projects submitted by East Hanover will then be considered by the GAC. The projects will be ranked with a recommended dollar amount. The GAC may recommend full or partial funding of each project.

Ms. Richards will distribute copies of the grant applications to GAC members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.