

DAUPHIN COUNTY GAMING ADVISORY BOARD
Dauphin County Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Thursday, September 24th, 2009
4:00 p.m.

Members Present

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

Also present were Mark Stewart, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC; Michael Musser, Community Networking Resources; and August Memmi, George Connor, and Michelle Shade with Dauphin County Department of Community & Economic Development.

Call to Order

Mr. Groves called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Approval of 06-18-09 Meeting Minutes

The Gaming Advisory Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes from 06-18-09 with a vote of 4-0.

Penn National Financial Summary & Projections

As of August 2009, the projected total direct share for Dauphin County is \$4,866,751.27. The DCGAB can expect to have approximately \$6.9 million in grant funding available. East Hanover Township can expect \$940,842.00 in direct local share funding.

Board entered into an EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Approval of the Gaming Advisory Board Bylaws

As a result of the recent legislative decision that defines the Penn National casino as a facility located solely in the County of Dauphin, the DCGAB was reconstituted as an advisory board under the County Code. This modification resulted in a few adjustments to the DCGAB Bylaws, as discussed at the June board meeting and presented by Mr. Stewart. The Gaming Advisory Board unanimously approved to accept the Bylaws, as presented, with a vote of 4-0.

Revisions to Grant Criteria

The criteria has been amended to reflect the changes in the local share municipal grant application process, as discussed in the June meeting of the Board. The Gaming Advisory Board unanimously approved to accept the revisions to the Grant Criteria, as presented, with a vote of 4-0.

Report of Pre-Application Conferences

Mr. Musser and Mr. Stewart stated that had met with the following organizations/municipalities: American Red Cross, Derry Township Municipal Authority/Derry Township, East Hanover Township, Grantville Area Food Pantry, HACC, Millersburg Borough, Middle Paxton Township, Rush Township/Medic 6, and Susquehanna Township/Middle Paxton Township.

Teleconferences were held with the following: Grantville Volunteer Fire Company, Rush Township, The Salvation Army, and Wiconisco Township/Northern Dauphin Revitalization. Mr. Musser explained that there had been some confusion of the grant application process with the non-municipality organizations. In subsequent years, Mr. Musser suggested a meeting prior to the application submission be made a mandatory part of the process.

Gaming Grant Applications Received

The following applications have been received for the FY2010 Uniform Local Share Municipal Grant Program:

1. American Red Cross/Dauphin County – support the cost of an Emergency Response Vehicle, education and awareness programs, automatic external defibrillators, Lifeline assistance. Total Requested - \$230,506.
2. andCulture – upgrades to Spotobe website for tourism and attraction in the midstate Total Requested - \$285,675
3. City of Harrisburg/Riverboat Society/Dauphin County – improvements to the Pride of the Susquehanna. Total Requested - \$14,922
4. Derry Township Municipal Authority/Derry Township – relocation of two sewer lines for the PA Route 743 Bridge Replacement project. Total Requested - \$168,000
5. Derry Township – relocation of two sewer lines for the Rt.743 Bridge Replacement Project. Total Requested - \$618,903
6. East Hanover Township – EMS/municipal services. Total Requested - \$300,000
7. East Hanover Township – Bridge infrastructure improvements. Total Requested - \$1,131,000
8. East Hanover Township – Road infrastructure improvements. Total Requested - \$1,125,000
9. East Hanover Township – Sewage and waste issues. Total Requested - \$640,000
10. East Hanover Township – Planning and administrative projects. Total Requested - \$30,000
11. East Hanover Township – Angle/Homestead Road and Bridge improvement project. Total Requested - \$505,000
12. Grantville Area Food Pantry/East Hanover Township – Equipment for the 1500 sq. ft. building addition and storm-water management. Total Requested - \$303,005
13. Grantville Volunteer Fire Company/East Hanover Township – construction of a new fire station. Total Requested - \$300,000
14. HACC/Dauphin County – improvements to the Shumaker Public Safety Center. Total Requested - \$250,000
15. Hamilton Health Center/Dauphin County – renovation and expansion of the facility. Total Requested - \$750,000
16. Harrisburg Regional Chamber/CREDC/Dauphin County – establish the Project Initiation Program (PIP) to invest the planning phases of priority economic development projects primarily in Dauphin County and to provide alternative resources for CREDC's community and economic development initiatives. Total Requested - \$150,000
17. Lower Paxton Township/Middle Paxton Township – improvements to Blackberry and Raspberry Alleys in the Village of Linglestown. Total Requested - \$250,000

18. Lower Paxton Township/Dauphin County – Page Road and Spring Creek Road improvements. Total Requested - \$250,000
19. Lower Swatara Township/Dauphin County – Meade Avenue utility relocation project. Total Requested - \$220,000
20. Millersburg Borough/Dauphin County – Riverfront Park/Gateway to the Lykens Valley Rail Trail. Total Requested - \$250,000
21. Middle Paxton Township – construction of a shared municipal services facility with Dauphin Borough, two-phased, multi-year project. Total Requested - \$1,500,000
22. Rush Township – acquisition of a new backhoe. Total Requested – \$69,000
23. Rush Township/Medic 6 – Acquisition of two new ambulances – Total Requested – unknown
24. The Salvation Army/Dauphin County – Expansion of the Bridging the Gap program. Total Requested - \$200,000
25. SARAA/Dauphin County – Rehabilitation of above-ground water tank at HIA. Total Requested - \$26,369
26. South Hanover Township – Playground equipment reimbursement for Greenbriar Park. Total Requested - \$39,717
27. South Hanover Township – New fire apparatus for the Union Deposit Volunteer Fire Company. Total Requested - \$1,217,699
28. South Hanover Township – Master site plan and infrastructure costs for our new municipal complex. Total Requested - \$2,329,800
29. Susquehanna Township/Middle Paxton Township/Dauphin County – Tanker 37 replacement. Total Requested - \$300,000
30. Swatara Township/Dauphin County – Improvements to the Rutherford Fire Company, Bressler Fire Company, and Swatara Fire Company. Total Requested - \$3,526,306
31. Upper Paxton Township/Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art/Dauphin County – Infrastructure improvements to the Ned Smith Nature Center. Total Requested - \$225,000
32. West Hanover Township – Jonestown Road/Blue Ridge Avenue intersection relocation. Total Requested - \$524,560
33. West Hanover Township – SR0039/Devonshire Heights/Douglas Road intersection improvements. Total Requested - \$405,000
34. West Hanover Township – Interstate 81/Harper Drive Truck Turnaround. Total Requested - \$375,000
35. West Hanover Township – Fire Station Architectural and Civil Engineering. Total Requested - \$500,000
36. Wiconisco Township/Northern Dauphin Revitalization/Dauphin County – Improvements to Lykens & Wiconisco Field and Stadium. Total Requested - \$290,000

The application received from andCulture did not include municipal or County sponsorship. The Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board unanimously approved the rejection of this application by a vote of 4-0. Ms. Richards will be directed to send a letter of rejection to this organization.

Update on Lebanon County

A meeting occurred with representatives from both Dauphin and Lebanon Counties. Project No.11 (above) is a road that comes into East Hanover Township, Dauphin County from East Hanover Township, Lebanon County. It was agreed that, should this project be approved and funded, it would not be counted against East Hanover Township, Dauphin County as part of the funding received through the MOU.

Scheduling of Next Meeting

The next GAC meeting was scheduled for October 22, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Dauphin County Department of Community & Economic Development Conference Room, 112 Market Street – 7th Floor, Harrisburg.

It was also decided that the public presentation of the projects will occur on November 10th, 11th, and 12th at 4 p.m. in the Dauphin County Department of Community & Economic Development Conference Room, 112 Market Street – 7th Floor, Harrisburg.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.