

DAUPHIN COUNTY GAMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Dauphin County Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Thursday, October 23, 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 from the September 11, 2008 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Szymborski

Second: Mr. Warren

Motion passed 5-0.

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. The summary also included comparative information regarding the performance and local share data at Pennsylvania's other licensed gaming facilities. Mr. Stewart reviewed the summary of financial performance at Hollywood Casino as of October 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 \$3,420,451.76. 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 approximately \$2,593,562.77 to be available for grants, although, depending on the financial performance of the casino, the numbers will fluctuate.

Discussion of Scoring Matrix and Procedures

In regard to the Uniform Local Share for Municipal Grant Applications Scoring Matrix, GAC members will award up to 15 points for each category (Health and Human Services, Public Safety, Transportation and Public Interest) a project fits into.

Ms. Richards will distribute copies of the final scoring matrix to GAC members.

Review of Applications and Determination of Eligibility

After a thorough review of the grant applications, GAC members discussed which applications are ineligible under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71).

A motion was made to deem the following Uniform Local Share Municipal Grant Applications ineligible: South Central Emergency Medical Services Inc., Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, the Salvation Army, Crimestoppers of Dauphin County and both applications from the Community Action Commission.

Motion: Mr. Warren

Second: Mr. Umberger

Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee noted that the applications that were deemed ineligible did not have an eligible municipal sponsor as defined by the legislation.

Mr. Musser discussed a petition from residents, mostly from East Hanover Township, concerned about increased traffic and safety issues at the intersection of PA 743 and South Meadow Lane in East Hanover Township. The GAC will review the petition and constituent correspondence regarding this intersection.

Scheduling of Hearing with Eligible Applicants and Joint Hearings

Prior to the public hearings, the Committee will review applications to determine what, if any, supplemental information is needed.

To the extent funds are available, the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) will award up to \$3 million to satisfy the MOU agreement with East Hanover Township. 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.

Members of the IDA will hold the first hearing with East Hanover Township. GAC members will also be in attendance. Hearings for all other applicants will be conducted by the GAC.

Three hearing dates will be scheduled either the first or second week of December from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Applicants with more than one project will be asked to prioritize projects. During the hearings, applicants will be allotted 30 minutes to present a project. Applicants should allow time for questions from Committee members.

Adjournment

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