

DAUPHIN COUNTY GAMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Dauphin County Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Thursday, December 18, 2008
4:00 p.m.

Members Present

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

Also present were Paul Clark, Chairman, Dauphin County Industrial Development Authority (IDA); 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 4:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the October 23, 2008 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Warren

Second: Mr. Szymborski

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. 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 December 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 \$3,458,492.84. 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 \$2,612,583.31 to be available for grants, although, depending on the financial performance of the casino, the numbers will fluctuate.

Memorandum: The New Right-to-Know Law

Mr. Stewart presented a memorandum to the GAC members regarding the new Right-to-Know Law that takes effect on January 1, 2009. Under the Right-to-Know Law, the GAC is considered a local, intergovernmental, regional or municipal agency, authority, council, board, commission or similar governmental entity and therefore is subject to the open records law. However, documents related to the GAC's pre-decisional internal deliberations, including members' individual application of the ratings criteria and scoring matrices, are likely exempt from disclosure under the Right-to-Know Law.

Discussion of Public Hearings and Draft Recommendations

The Committee agreed that no additional hearings or presentations with applicants were necessary.

The IDA sent correspondence to the GAC to request that the Committee fund East Hanover Township's projects numbered one (1) through nineteen (19), as outlined in the proposal, in the amount of \$933,134.00. The IDA will potentially fund items twenty (20) through twenty-six (26), in the amount of \$2,174,233.00. While the dollars split between the IDA and GAC grants will likely change once the actual gaming revenues received by the IDA are finalized, the total potential funding amount for East Hanover Township will be \$3,107,357.00. With the assistance of the GAC, this funding level will meet and exceed the requirement of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Dauphin County IDA and East Hanover Township.

Based on Hollywood Casino revenues, the GAC expects to have about \$2.4 million available for grants. Chairman Groves suggested that the Committee make its final recommendations at the January 2009 meeting. The deadline to award grants is March 1, 2009.

Chairman Groves presented his recommendations based on a thorough review of eligible applications and public presentations. The Committee members openly discussed their recommendations and developed a draft list for the Dauphin County Commissioners to consider.

Paul Clark, Chairman of the IDA, commended the GAC members for conducting a smooth, well-planned process. Skip Memmi, Deputy Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development, echoed his sentiments.

Scheduling of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 15, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the Dauphin County Administration Building, Second Floor, Room 214. The GAC anticipates finalizing the recommendations to the Dauphin County Commissioners at the January meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.