CENTRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

Thursday, March 2, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Centre Region COG Building

CRPC Members Present:
Lisa Strickland, Chair
Jon Eich, Vice Chair
Kevin Ryan
Mike Brown
Roy Hammerstedt
Bill Steudler
Steve Watson

Ferguson Township
State College Borough
College Township
Halfmoon Township
Harris Township
Patton Township
Pennsylvania State University

Others Present:
Jim May
Tom Zilla
Mark Boeckel
Greg Garthe
Meria Flecha
Andrew Artz
Ed Poprik
Katherine Watt

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State College Area School District (SCASD)
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Strickland called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Hammerstedt to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2017 CRPC meeting, with a minor correction: the representative from Harris Township was in attendance. The motion carried unanimously.

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

4. REGIONAL INTEREST ITEMS

a. College Township – Mr. Ryan reported that the College Township Planning Commission reviewed a sketch plan for the Houserville Elementary School at its February 21, 2017 meeting. Proposed revisions to the Township’s sign ordinance are also being discussed.

b. Ferguson Township – Ms. Strickland reported that the Ferguson Township Planning Commission reviewed the preliminary land development plans for the J.L. Cidery on Route 45 (formerly the proposed site of the ReFarm Café). Over the next month, the Planning Commission will be reviewing a draft of the Township’s revised sign ordinance, which incorporates the requirements of a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that sign regulations be “content neutral.” The Planning Commission reviewed the Township’s
draft Official Map, and comments were provided to staff. The Planning Commission will participate in a second work session with the Board of Supervisors and the developers of the Pine Hall Traditional Town Development (TTD) on March 13, 2017.

c. **Halfmoon Township** – Mr. Brown reported that the entire Halfmoon Township Planning Commission is planning to attend the *Introduction to Planning in the Centre Region* course at the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center on Saturday, March 18, 2017.

d. **Harris Township** – Mr. Hammerstedt reported that several projects in Harris Township are incrementally moving forward. The majority of the Harris Township Planning Commission’s last meeting dealt with addressing the Mountain View Country Club’s request for relief from the Township’s Riparian Buffer regulations. If the development plans for the proposed Mountain View Country Club Hotel incorporate all of the required riparian buffer areas, the existing 18-hole golf course would be reduced to 15 holes. Representatives from ClearWater Conservancy attended the meeting and provided comments. After an extensive discussion, the Planning Commission recommended that the development plans be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Hammerstedt noted that the quality of the water flowing into Spring Creek has improved dramatically since the property was developed as a golf course.

e. **Patton Township** – Mr. Steudler will report on recent activities of the Patton Township Planning Commission at the CRPC’s next regular meeting.

f. **State College Borough** – Mr. Eich offered to share the State College Borough Planning Commission’s February 8, 2017 agenda with anyone in attendance who was interested in the preliminary plans for The Residences at College and Atherton. Borough Council held a public hearing on February 13, 2017 on a Conditional Use application related to the proposed structure. On March 6, 2017, Council will discuss issues raised at the public hearing. A decision on the Conditional Use application will be made by March 27, 2017.

The Borough Planning Commission received a report on the potential demolition of a home in College Heights that contributes to the National Register Historic District. The proposed replacement is a “rather nondescript contemporary structure,” and questions have been raised as to whether it would be used as a full-time residence or other use. The Borough is exploring options for maintaining the contributing structure.

g. **Penn State University** – Mr. Watson reported that Penn State University’s department of Transportation Services is working with a consultant on a transportation demand management study that will look at parking and future campus impacts. Community representatives will be interviewed during the coming weeks, and a preliminary report is expected in the next two months. The report will help shape the University’s alternative transportation investments and efforts to reduce single occupancy vehicles and capital expenditures on parking facilities. The report will be shared with the CRPC when it becomes available.

5. **CRPA ACTIVITY REPORT**

For the benefit of new members, CRPA Director Jim May explained that a written Activity Report is included in the CRPC agenda packet each month. The Activity Report provides updates on regional planning activities, transportation and transit planning activities, and summaries of local planning projects.

Mr. May then reported that CRPA regional planning staff attended a joint meeting of the Harris Township Board of Supervisors and College Township Council on February 22, 2017 to discuss the potential extension of the University Area Joint Authority’s (UAJA’s) Beneficial Reuse waterline from the existing terminus at
the Centre Hills Country Club in College Township to the Mountain View Country Club in Harris Township. The municipalities did not take any action at the meeting, but there was no opposition to the project moving forward. The municipalities are being given ample time to provide comments on the proposed alignment. The COG Public Services and Environmental (PSE) Committee also discussed this project at its March 2, 2017 meeting.

CRPA Principal Planner Mark Boeckel provided an update on the upcoming *Introduction to Planning in the Centre Region* course, which will take place at the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center on Saturday, March 18, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Nineteen municipal Planning Commissioners have registered, and there will be at least one member from each municipal Planning Commission in attendance. An e-mail will be sent to each of the attendees in advance, asking for questions that can be incorporated into the presentation.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Fees for Requesting a Time Extension Ordinance – College Township is considering an ordinance and resolution that would establish a fee for requesting an extension to the 90-day deadline mandated by the PA Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) to record an approved plan with the Centre County Recorder of Deeds.

Mr. Brown asked whether the time extension requests could be related to backlogs on the part of outside agencies, over which the developers have no control. In response, Mr. Boeckel explained that time extension requests are sometimes related to outside approvals, but the proposed fee is an attempt by the Township to discourage lingering approvals with multiple time extension requests. For instance, in some cases a developer may choose to postpone the recording of an approved plan in order to delay paying surety.

Mr. Eich reported that Centre County instituted a similar time extension fee about 20 years ago and that because the fee increases progressively, it is designed to discourage subsequent requests. He also explained that multiple time extension requests could be used to safeguard a property from zoning changes, since unrecorded plans are grandfathered in.

*Motion was made by Mr. Eich and seconded by Mr. Hammerstedt to recommend approval of the proposed Ordinance O-17-02 and Resolution R-17-03, and to send correspondence to College Township indicating such. The motion carried unanimously.*

7. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

There were no guest presentations on the agenda.

8. ACTION AGENDA

a. State College Area School District (SCASD) Elementary School Master Plan and Memorial Field Upgrades

SCASD Director of Physical Plant Ed Poprik provided an update on elementary school projects at the existing Radio Park, Houserville, and Corl Street sites, as well as the final phase of the Memorial Field project. As Mr. Poprik noted, the three elementary schools are over 50 years old and are “less than modern.” An area of focus is adding capacity to the Corl Street Elementary School (and perhaps the Radio Park Elementary School) in response to updated demographic studies that show a corridor from Halfmoon Township through Park Forest and Radio Park to Corl Street Elementary as the high-growth area for K-12 students. Because the attendance areas for the Radio Park and Corl Street schools border
one other, increased capacity at one or both schools will allow the District to equal out attendance issues by adjusting the boundaries as necessary.

Mr. Poprik presented the site plan for the Radio Park Elementary School, noting that this “additions and renovations” project may add classroom capacity, depending on the results of base and add/alternate bids. He explained the traffic pattern for the site, noting that a complete separation of bus and parent drop-off traffic is being incorporated into all of the District’s new school projects for both safety and traffic flow. He pointed out the need for additional parking (shown on the site plan) if the add/alternate bid is chosen, and emphasized that all of the structures will be located above the floodplain. All of the Grade 1-5 classrooms will be identical, allowing the classroom configuration to be adjusted in response to fluctuations in enrollment. The kindergarten classrooms will be slightly larger and will include a single stall bathroom. Rather than creating one large multipurpose room as a cafeteria/gymnasium as in past elementary school projects, the plans for the Radio Park and Houserville schools propose a dedicated gymnasium and separate cafeteria to allow more flexibility in scheduling and accommodate community demand for gym space.

In response to a question from Mr. Eich, Mr. Poprik explained that because SCASD has no excess capacity, all three schools will remain in operation during construction. At Radio Park, students will move to new classrooms as construction is completed at the rear of the school, and modular classrooms will be brought in during major renovations to the front of the school.

Mr. Poprik then presented the site plan for the Houserville Elementary School. He explained that a single K-5 facility will be constructed at the Houserville site, replacing the existing Houserville and Lemont Elementary Schools. Because this will be entirely new construction, students will remain in their current locations until construction is complete, at which time the existing Houserville school will be demolished and site work will be completed. The existing gravel drive and parking lot near the Fogleman Field Complex will be paved to serve as the bus loop and will continue to function as the parking area for the Fogleman fields on weekends and evenings. As with Radio Park, a separate cafeteria and gymnasium will be included.

Mr. Watson inquired about the special event parking shown on the Houserville site plan and the anticipated frequency of use. In response, Mr. Poprik explained that because all of these projects will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certified, the District is trying to limit paved surfaces, stormwater, and heat island effects. As such, the District will be seeking reductions to the parking zoning requirements for each of these facilities. The overflow parking areas will provide adequate parking during special events and could be paved in the future to meet current zoning requirements.

Mr. Poprik then presented the site plan for the Corl Street Elementary School. Due to site constraints, the existing building will be expanded into the central courtyard and upward to accommodate a second floor of classrooms. There will not be a separate cafeteria and gymnasium, but there will be a much larger and more functional multipurpose room. In addition, a tiered area for additional large-group instruction will be located just outside of the multipurpose room. The existing parking area will be removed to eliminate traffic congestion on West Highland Avenue and replaced with a reduced parking area located at the rear of the site. Separate traffic loops will be created, but bus and parent drop-off areas will not be designated until after the traffic flow has been evaluated. Pedestrian traffic will be a major consideration, since this is the District’s largest walking population. The existing playground will be maintained. SCASD is seeking zoning text amendments from State College Borough in order to deal with the challenges of this site.
Mr. Watson asked if clerestory windows will be installed between the offset rooflines on the front of the building. In response, Mr. Poprik said the project has not progressed that far into design, but he will be requesting clerestories in order to allow daylight into as many spaces as possible.

Mr. Eich asked if solar panels will be installed on the roof as part of the LEED Gold efforts. In response, Mr. Poprik explained that once the site plans and floor plans have been approved by the Board of School Directors, the next step will be looking at the LEED checklist with regard to features such as solar energy and HVAC systems.

Mr. Eich asked if the elementary school projects will be constructed simultaneously or consecutively. In response, Mr. Poprik said the current plan is to bid all three of the elementary school projects in late Fall 2017. Because construction is anticipated to begin in early 2018, the elementary school projects and the high school project will all be going on at the same time.

In response to a follow-up question from Mr. Eich regarding whether the bid for all three schools could be awarded to a single contractor, Mr. Poprik explained that the PA Public School Code requires a minimum of four prime contracts: general, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical. It is anticipated that each of the prime contracts will be bid as a multi-bid scenario, in which each bidder provides the cost of the individual school as well as the cost of all projects combined.

Mr. Poprik provided cost estimates for the elementary school projects, noting that grant money has been awarded for Houserville and Radio Park, and state reimbursement money has been awarded for all three. After reimbursement, net construction costs are expected to total: $17.3 million for Houserville Elementary; $14.7 million for Corl Street Elementary; and $17.8 million for Radio Park Elementary (with the alternate bid for additional classrooms).

Mr. Poprik then provided an update on Memorial Field upgrades. The current phase of the project will replace the existing bleachers on the east side of the field and add plazas on either side. A walkway will be constructed along Nittany Avenue to allow spectators to cross from the east side of the field to the west without having to exit the facility. A new two story building will be constructed under the main grandstand to house locker rooms, restroom facilities, concession areas, and ticket facilities. A new ramp with a more reasonable grade will be constructed along the north side of the facility to provide access to the field. Construction of an additional 500 seats along Nittany Avenue is proposed as an add/alternate bid. The project will require the demolition of the Nittany Avenue building, which is listed as a contributor to the Holmes-Foster/Highlands National Register Historic District; SCASD will be filing the appropriate notices for removal of the structure next summer. Major construction work will begin following the 2018 football season and will continue through 2019; interior work will take place during the 2019 football season; and the project will be completed in 2020. The total project cost is estimated at $8.8 million.

Mr. Eich inquired as to whether Memorial Field would still be available for public use during events such as the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts and if the restrooms would be available. In response, Mr. Poprik explained that SCASD would continue to work with community groups and festival organizers to make the facility available whenever possible.

In response to a question from Mr. Watson, Mr. Poprik confirmed there will be three points of access to the first floor of the locker room building, two vomitoriums at field level and a stairwell from above. It was unclear whether the vomitoriums on the upper level could be used for emergency egress or if they dead ended at the restroom and concession areas; however, as Mr. Poprik explained, the main concourse was designed to move a large number of people. Mr. Poprik further explained that the upper seating level is well above the concourse so that spectators can see over people walking back and forth.
In response to a question from Mr. Watson, Mr. Poprik confirmed that the add/alternate bid is a budgetary consideration, and the additional seating will be constructed if the bid falls within budget.

From the audience, Ms. Katherine Watt asked if the funding package for the Memorial Field project would have to go out for referendum. In response, Mr. Poprik explained none of the projects discussed at tonight’s meeting would require a referendum because a capital setaside has been built into the School District’s taxing structure. There would, however, be annual bond issues, since the District’s capital plan does not include the entire $50 million.

Motion was made by Mr. Hammerstedt and seconded by Mr. Brown to authorize CRPA staff to send correspondence to the SCASD Board of School Directors indicating support for the proposed projects. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Ordinance to Permit Increased Occupancy for a Limited Class of Developments in the Toftrees Planned Community – Patton Township

CRPA Senior Planner Greg Garthe presented a proposed Patton Township ordinance that would allow the number of unrelated individuals occupying a single residential dwelling unit to be increased from three to up to five for a limited class of developments in the Toftrees Planned Community. The Patton Township Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors reviewed the proposed ordinance and revised Toftrees Planned Community Master Plan at their respective February meetings, and a public hearing has been scheduled for March 22, 2017.

Mr. Garthe explained that the revised Master Plan proposes to replace the current mix of single and multi-family dwellings shown on the existing plan with a multi-family development called The Station, with units containing up to five bedrooms. The proposed amendments to the Planned Community Zoning District would add a section to the Use Regulations that would provide an exception to the Township’s occupancy limits specific to the residential use areas of the Toftrees Planned Community only.

In response to a question from Mr. Watson, Mr. Garthe confirmed that the development’s overall density would not change, only the occupancy limit of individual units.

Mr. Watson expressed concern about requiring a separate lease for each bedroom, since this might deter families from renting units in the development, and he questioned the need for this level of regulation in the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Steudler explained that renting units by the bedroom is part of the developer’s business model, and this requirement would only apply to units occupied by unrelated individuals. He further explained that requiring a family to enter into multiple leases for a single unit is not the intent, and he agreed this should be clarified.

Mr. Eich asked about Patton Township’s affordable housing provisions, noting that this developer’s request for increased occupancy seems to present an opportunity to create a set-aside for affordable housing units, either within the development, within Toftrees, or within some other area of the Township.

Mr. Garthe explained that the Commercial Transitional District behind the Trader Joe’s Plaza is the only area of Patton Township that currently provides for affordable housing. He further explained that the CRPC’s previous comments with regard to affordable housing were presented to the Patton Township Board of Supervisors, but the Board felt an affordable housing ordinance could be addressed at any time.
Mr. Eich expressed concern about where Patton Township’s retail workers are supposed to live, and Mr. Hammerstedt agreed that this point should be given further consideration. Noting extensive discussion at the CRPC’s February 2 meeting, Ms. Strickland also felt the question of affordable housing should be reiterated in the comment letter from tonight’s meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Hammerstedt to forward the following comments to the Patton Township Board of Supervisors:

1. Consider clarifying Section 3[5] regarding rentals. This section states that “all rental dwelling units shall be rented by the bedroom.” The CRPC commented that this section, as written, seemed to unintentionally disqualify rentals of individual units by families (of related individuals) who rent a unit with multiple bedrooms.

2. The CRPC commented that the Patton Township Board of Supervisors should consider an affordable housing ordinance to provide affordable units as part of new residential developments. As an example, some Centre Region municipalities require a set-aside for a percentage of affordable units or a fee-in-lieu for offsite affordable units.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. POLICY AGENDA

a. Public Water Provider Comments Regarding Potential Expansion of the Beneficial Reuse Water System – Centre Region

Mr. May explained that the CRPA is working on two projects related to the potential expansion of the University Area Joint Authority’s (UAJA’s) Beneficial Reuse water system. One is a report titled *Potential Expansion of the Beneficial Reuse Water System* that was initiated in response to a 2014 request by the UAJA for a Centre Region Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan amendment that would designate a service area within the Regional Growth Boundary (RGB) and Sewer Service Area (SSA) wherein the Beneficial Reuse system could be expanded in the future without a formal Act 537 Plan amendment. The other project is the Act 537 Plan Special Study to Extend Beneficial Reuse Waterlines to the Mountain View Country Club in Harris Township.

Mr. May reported that in January 2017, CRPA staff participated in two meetings with the State College Borough Water Authority (SCBWA), College Township Water Authority (CTWA), and Penn State University to discuss their concerns related to the potential expansion of the Beneficial Reuse water system. These concerns are included in the Summary of Public Water Provider Comments attached to the agenda. As Mr. May noted, the water providers’ primary concerns revolve around: the quality of the water coming out of the UAJA system versus the quality of the sourcewater coming out of the ground; the customer base for Beneficial Reuse water and the potential loss of revenue for the water providers; and the definition of economic development projects and the amount of water used for economic development versus environmental projects.

Mr. May explained that the Summary of Public Water Provider Comments will be included as an appendix to the *Potential Expansion of the Beneficial Reuse Water System* report, but it is up to the UAJA and the public water providers to address these issues. The CRPA anticipates wrapping up the Beneficial Reuse report during the next few months.

In response to a question regarding the current source of the Mountain View Country Club’s water, Mr. May explained that the Country Club pumps groundwater for irrigation; however, if the Beneficial Reuse
waterline is extended, the Beneficial Reuse water would be discharged into the pond from which the golf course is irrigated.

Mr. Eich found it noteworthy that Penn State University and its plans for a beneficial reuse system are being included in the discussion. He also found it interesting that the potential expansion of the UAJA’s Beneficial Reuse waterline up Slab Cabin Run would allow the water to reenter the stream within a few days, posing a potential source of contamination for the UAJA’s Harter-Thomas Wellfields.

Mr. May concurred discharging Beneficial Reuse water into Slab Cabin Run poses a concern because the long term impacts of emerging contaminants and pharmaceuticals in wastewater is not fully understood.

Mr. Eich questioned whether discharging Beneficial Reuse water at the Mountain View Country Club might create a similar situation involving the CTWA’s new well at the Oak Hall Regional Park.

Ms. Strickland said she found the Summary of Public Water Provider Comments to be extremely helpful, and she thanked staff for compiling this information to aid in the discussion.

The CRPA will continue to work with the UAJA and the public water providers on the Act 537 Special Study, and the CRPC will be asked to provide comments on the Special Study once it has been formally submitted for review and municipal action.

b. Centre Regional Planning Commission Background and Responsibilities – Centre Region

For the benefit of both new and returning CRPC members, Mr. May provided a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the Centre Regional Planning Commission (CRPC) and the Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA). As Mr. May noted, the CRPC provides an opportunity for all of the Centre Region municipalities to review proposed ordinances/amendments from a regional perspective and to provide advisory comments to the municipal governing bodies for consideration. The CRPC also looks at area-wide concerns such as groundwater, land use, and transportation and assists in the development of policies that guide future growth. Mr. May emphasized the importance of two-way communication between the CRPC and the municipal Planning Commissions, and he noted the value of reporting activities on the part of CRPC representatives/liaisons to other regional entities.

Mr. May then presented an overview of the core services provided by the CRPA and the municipal funding contributions that support the Regional and Local Planning programs. The core services of the Regional Planning program include: implementing the Centre Region Comprehensive Plan, maintaining the Act 537 Plan, monitoring the RGB and SSA, providing demographic information, and conducting educational programs. All six Centre Region municipalities participate in the Regional Planning program. The core services of the Local Planning program include: supporting municipal planning and zoning, reviewing land development plans, updating and maintaining subdivision and land use (SALDO) ordinances, and providing staff support to the municipal planning commissions and governing bodies. College, Halfmoon, Harris, and Patton Townships participate in the Local Planning Program. The core services of the Transportation Planning staff include: managing the surface transportation system; bicycle planning; transit planning in conjunction with the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) and the Centre County Office of Transportation Services (CCOT); County, PennDOT, and Federal coordination; and providing local assistance and technical expertise.

Mr. May also presented a list of the projects that will be undertaken in 2017, which include an update to the Regional Development Capacity Report (REDCAP); reports on the administration of RGB and SSA, multi-municipal agreements to share land uses, the sustainability of agriculture, and alternative energy options; and coordination with the UAJA on Act 537 Plan Special Studies.
The CRPC received Mr. May’s presentation and had no questions or comments.

c. Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) Background and Responsibilities – Centre County

CRPA Principal Transportation Planner Tom Zilla provided a presentation on the role of the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) and the CRPC’s responsibilities as a voting member of the CCMPO and as the body which contracts with PennDOT for the funding provided to the CRPA for MPO-related transportation planning tasks. As Mr. Zilla explained, MPOs are mandated by federal law and have two primary responsibilities: preparing and maintaining the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and allocating federal and state capital funds for roads, bridges, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian facilities through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Zilla then provided an overview of the CCMPO’s organizational structure, noting that the Coordinating Committee is the policy making body, the Technical Committee is the advisory body, and the CRPC is the contracting body through which funding from PennDOT for transportation planning flows. The CRPA is the lead agency, with assistance from CATA and the Centre County Planning and Community Development Office (CCPCDO), and four full-time transportation planners provide staff support. There are eighteen voting members of the CCMPO: two representatives from Centre County government; one representative from each of the six Centre Region municipalities; one representative from each of the six County Planning Regions; two representatives from PennDOT; one representative from CATA; and one representative from the CRPC. There are also three non-voting members: the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and Penn State University.

Mr. Zilla explained that in addition to assisting with the preparation/maintenance of the LRTP and TIP, MPO staff works on special transportation planning studies such as: CATA’s Strategic Plan Update, Universal Transit Access Study, Travel Training Program, and Articulated Bus Assessment. MPO staff represents the community in PennDOT’s project development process by advocating for local needs/desires such as traffic calming elements and bicycle/pedestrian facilities. MPO transportation planners also assist the municipalities with special transportation grant projects such as Patton Township’s Circleville Path.

Mr. Zilla concluded by summarizing the CRPC’s responsibilities in the transportation planning process, which include appointing representatives to the CCMPO Coordinating and Technical Committees; approving and executing legal agreements; providing comments about the biannual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and providing comments about projects, budget issues, and work tasks.

The CRPC received Mr. Zilla’s presentation and had no questions or comments.

10. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

a. Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) – Mr. Eich remarked on the value of the CCMPO’s robust staffing level and the return on investment in terms of successful project requests. As an example, he cited the efforts of staff to secure additional funding for two safety studies and a local bridge project as part of recent discussions with PennDOT regarding the repurposing of unspent earmarked funds. At its February 28, 2017 meeting, the Coordinating Committee took action to amend the Centre County TIP to allocate the aforementioned $2.1 million in earmarked funds to the I-99 Mt. Nittany Expressway Repaving project; $150,000 to the Route 26/150 Intersection Safety Study; $300,000 to the I-99/I-80 Exit 161 Safety Improvements project; and $375,000 for a new local bridge start. In addition, $3 million in spike funding was added for the Route 322/144/45 Corridors (formerly South
Central Centre County Transportation Study) Data Refresh project. Centre County Commissioner Michael Pipe provided a presentation about the possibility of assessing the optional $5 vehicle registration fee authorized in PA Act 89, and PennDOT provided an update on Centre County highway and bridge projects. The PowerPoint presentations from the February 28 Coordinating Committee meeting are available at [www.ccmpo.net](http://www.ccmpo.net). Mr. Zilla will provide the CRPC with a status report on Centre Region projects at the May or June meeting.

**b. State College Borough Water Authority (SCBWA)** – Mr. Garthe reported that at its February 16, 2017 meeting, the SCBWA Board approved three new water connections for single-family homes in Patton Township, and awarded the bid for a heavy duty utility truck. The Board also approved a reimbursement agreement and cost sharing request letter for Section 152 of the Atherton Street Drainage/Repaving project; a considerable number of water mains in the project area must be relocated at a cost of between $1-1.5 million; upon project completion, PennDOT will reimburse 75% of the cost.

**c. Millbrook Marsh Nature Center (MMNC) Advisory Committee** – Ms. Strickland reported that the MMNC Advisory Committee’s first meeting of 2017 will take place on March 15; she will provide a report at the CRPC’s next regular meeting.

**d. University Area Joint Authority (UAJA)** – Mr. Boeckel reported that at its February 2017 meetings, the UAJA Board discussed a reimbursement agreement with PennDOT for the Atherton Street Drainage/Repaving project. The Board received a presentation from its consultant, Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG), about proposed Odor Control System upgrades, which are expected to cost about $9 million and include a bio-filter and 100-foot stack. The Board also discussed the public water providers’ comments and suggested a meeting of the Project Management Team identified in the 2003 Source Water Protection Agreement. The UAJA recently entered into an agreement with Pace Energy to install a solar array on 9 acres of UAJA property that will provide 2.6 megawatts of power; this is about 25% of the facility’s total energy needs and 100% of the Beneficial Reuse project’s needs.

Ms. Strickland thanked CRPA staff for attending the SCBWA and UAJA meetings and asked the CRPC members to consider serving as liaisons.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

The next CRPC meeting will be a joint meeting with the COG Transportation and Land Use (TLU) Committee at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017 in the Forum Room of the Centre Region COG Building.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hammerstedt, seconded by Mr. Watson. There being no other business, the March 2, 2017 CRPC meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyssa Cromell
Recording Secretary