

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP

**COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION & OPEN SPACE PLAN
STUDY COMMITTEE**

WORKSHOP MEETING #1

NOVEMBER, 12, 2009

MEETING OBSERVATIONS

LOCATION: RICHLAND TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

I. Attendees

Committee Members: Mike Beachley, Laura Hillock, Dan Hughes, Anton Krysa, Cathy Marks, Dave McSwigan, John Pasquinelli, Joe Phillips, Justin Renda, Annette Robinson, Donna Snyder and Jean Vaccarello

Consultants: Carolyn Yagle and A.J. Schwartz

Staff: Melissa Williams and Dean Bastianini

- II. After the participants introduced themselves, EPD and Township staff provided an overview of what a Comprehensive Recreation Plan and a Master Site Plan are. They explained DCNR's role in funding the project and defining the consultant's scope of work. They further explained the roles of the consultants, staff and study committee in the planning process and presented a work and public meeting schedule which is intended to ensure that the draft plan is submitted to DCNR by July 2010.

The Committee reviewed information contained in the meeting packet including: a) the consultant's scope of work, b) lists of existing recreational facilities and programs, c) Township recreation budgets for the past five years, and d) maps showing the location of various public owned properties throughout the Township. The staff also explained the administrative structure of the local government and the duties and responsibilities of the Richland Township Board of Supervisors and the Parks and Recreation Committee. The presentation ended with an explanation of the construction work entailed in the DCNR grant project which is currently being implemented.

Committee members asked questions about the substance of future workshop meetings, the type of detailed information they can expect see in the plan and how the plan will be used in the future.

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Mr. Schwartz asked the Committee members to think about what their vision of recreation is for the Township, and what they remember or value from places they have visited outside of Richland. He also asked them to think about candidates for the “key person interviews” which the consultant will conduct.

The meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m. with a review of the draft meeting agenda for the November 16, 2009 public meeting. The next workshop meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Richland Township Municipal Building.