

Agenda
Park and Recreation
Meeting
Thursday, February 4, 2010
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order(ask about anyone taping the meeting) /Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes-January 7, 2010
3. Review Expenditures
4. Staff Reports:

Frank Vattilano, Director of Recreation
Mark Miller, Director of Public Works

5. Items to be discussed:
 - A. Passive and Active Park definition fine tuning – request of BOS
 - B. Permit meeting – Frank V. and permit applicants for field use – 8 PM
 - C. Time line for NLT report to Board – any?
 - D. Off-leash dogs in park
 - E. Reminder: Load bags for Egg Hunt after March Meeting
6. Correspondence & Reminder of Article Submission Date

<u>Article Due Date</u>	<u>Delivery date</u>
February 10, 2010	April 1, 2010
May 12, 2010	July 1, 2010
August 11, 2010	October 1, 2010
November 10, 2010	January 1, 2011

7. Liaison Reports:

Bob Huebner-CB
Ruth Scadding-HC
Phyllis Marron-BOS
Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore-PC

8. Public Comment

9. Adjournment

2. MINUTES
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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
January 7, 2010

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board was held on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at the Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ann Marie Moore at 7:00 p.m. Other board members present were: Phyllis Marron, Bob Huebner, Ruth Scadding and Vicki Wooters.

Others present: Mark Miller, Director of Public Works
Jane Fava – Conservancy Board
Thom Clapper – Township Supervisor
Ben Rohrbeck – Historical Commission
Sue Ciorletti – Historical Commission
Ruth Kiefer - Recording Secretary
Arthur Jones - Resident

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Ann Marie Moore called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Reorganization – Ruth Scadding moved to nominate Ann Marie as Chairman for 2010. Bob seconded the motion. The motion passed.
Bob Hubner moved to nominate Phyllis as Vice Chairman for 2010. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. The motion passed.
Bob Hubner moved to appoint Ruth Kiefer as secretary for 2010. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. MINUTES

Bob Huebner moved to accept the minutes from November 5, 2009. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. Phyllis abstained. The motion passed.
Phyllis Marron moved to accept the minutes from December 3, 2009. Bob Huebner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. EXPENDITURES

The Board reviewed the expenditures for December 2009. They had questions about Refunds which had a -1,905 and Sports Squirt which had a -1,882. Mark reported that the Field trips expenses originally included the cost of buses which was incorrect and will be moved to the proper category.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- A. In Frank's written report, he stated that he was able to get the fireworks contractor to agree to \$9,000 for a 20 minute show. Thom Clapper said the Board of Supervisors has committed to \$5,000, but the Park & Recreation Board will have to get donations to cover the rest of the expenses, i.e. police, lighting, music, etc.
- B. Mark will start cutting along the stream in Applebrook next week. Mr. Jones asked if the bridge in East Goshen Park along Paoli Pike could be treated to prevent slipping when it is wet. Mark is looking into using black non-skid strips on it.

6. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

- A. Grant for removal of invasive and noxious weeds was discussed. Jane Fava explained that the Natural Lands Trust will administer a grant which is available through PECO. The Conservancy Board and Park & Recreation Board could co-fund the request. The application for the grant must be postmarked by January 15, 2010. Mark can mow the multi flora rose now with spraying starting in the Spring. Jane pointed out that Canada Thistle needs to be taken care of too. The work would be done by area, not by type of weed. Jane said the Conservancy Board should be able to contribute \$2,000 to \$3,000. Bob moved to

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apply for the grant and use \$4,000 for removal of invasive and noxious weeds. Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and one no (Vicki).

B. Natural Lands Trust Stewardship Assessment – The site walk in Applebrook was completed. The report from NLT has not been received yet.

C. C2P2 Grants – The Board received information about possible grant funding from the Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources. Applications can be submitted between January 6 and April 21, 2010. The Board decided that the two categories they would be interested in are Community Recreation and Conservation Projects and PA Recreational Trail Projects. Mark will look into getting an application.

D. Yearly Goals – The Board discussed Immediate and Long Range Goals for 2010 and Accomplishments for 2009 to prepare for the Annual meeting on Saturday January 9, 2010.

7. LIASION REPORTS

Conservancy Board – No report.

Historical Commission - Ben reported that there was no meeting in December.

Planning Commission – No Report

Board of Supervisors – Phyllis reported that PennDOT won't approve a traffic light at Paoli Pike and Line Road without turning lanes. The 2010 budget was passed with no increase. The BOS signed an agreement with the Goshen Fire Co.

Thom reported that a hydrologic study is being done on the Hershey's Mill dam. Supervisor Joe McDonough has resigned effective January 8, 2010 and is moving to South Carolina. The Natural Lands Trust will come to a future BOS meeting to present their report.

Municipal Authority – No report.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. None

9. CORRESPONDENCE/REMINDER OF NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

A. None

10. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

a. None

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Bob moved to adjourn the meeting. Ruth Scadding seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The Board went into Executive Session and was done at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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To: Park and Recreation Board
From: Frank Vattilano
RE: Director's Report
February 4th, 2009 Meeting

Programs: Aerobics, yoga, and water walking continue. An ACAC rep contacted me about expanding our relationship to include some other programming. I will be speaking to her soon and will let you know what her proposal is.

Progress: I am working on our Spring/Summer programming details and hiring contractors. Newsletter info is due Feb. 10. Phyllis has submitted her article- thanks Phyllis. Attended a meeting that Marty Shane and Don McConathy set up with Rich Werner, the Senior Director at the Comcast Data Management Center. Marty asked Comcast for enough money to cover expenses for the Egg Hunt, Pumpkin Fest and Community Day. Mr. Werner was very receptive to Comcast's contributing. He must, however, run it by their Finance Department and he will let us know. Signups are coming in for our trips. The Cherry Blossom Festival in DC is especially popular. We already have enough EG residents to charter at least one bus and registration for this trip will continue into April. Learn to Skate for Tots and Mature Driver Training classes are also getting good response. I have proposed a brown bag lunch meeting once a month with Y management to discuss partnership opportunities to promote community health awareness. Have contacted Applebrook Golf club about our golf event dates for 2010. Prep continues for the spring/summer field permit conference during our meeting.

Personnel: Doing fine.

Problems: Minimal

Permits: Coming in regularly.

5 items to be discussed
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Memo
East Goshen Township
1580 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA 19380

Voice (610) 692-7171

Fax (610) 425-8950

E-mail rsmith@eastgoshen.org

Date: January 25, 2010
To: Park & Rec Board
From: Rick Smith, Township Manager
Re: Applebrook Park

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I received a call from Hank Belber who expressed a concern that allowing people to use rollerblades, bicycles and skateboards in the Applebrook Park was not in keeping with his understanding of how the Applebrook Park would be used when we purchased.

By way of background Hank Belber, was one of the principals of Applebrook Associates, who put up the funds to purchase the golf course and the land for the single family and carriage homes, when we put the deal together to purchase the property from Pfizer.

The Board discussed this at their meeting on January 19th and they would like a recommendation from the Park & Rec Board by the Supervisors meeting on May 4th on whether or not the ordinance should be amended to prohibit these activities in Applebrook.

Backup information is attached.

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EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION INFORMATION

WINTER 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

East Goshen Township Park & Recreation Board

Ann Marie Fletcher-Moore
Chairperson

Phyllis Marron,
Vice Chairperson

Ruth Scadding

Bob Huebner

Vicki Wooters

Frank Vattilano,
Director of Recreation

If you have any questions or need more information about East Goshen Township's Park and Recreation events and programs, please contact Frank Vattilano,

Phone:
(610) 692-7171

E-mail:
recdirector@eastgoshen.org

Registration forms for events and classes are available at the Township Building and online @ www.eastgoshen.org

Your East Goshen Township Park System

by: Park Board Member Vicki Wooters

East Goshen has a park system that includes recreation areas and passive open space. There are both township and neighborhood parks.

There are different activities and facilities available at the different parks. Some are for passive use only and others allow organized events. In all of the parks, please pick up your trash.

Some parks have facilities that you can reserve, with a permit. These would include pavilions and ball fields. East Goshen Park and Mill Creek have ball fields available to reserve with a permit.

East Goshen has parks and also has areas that are retention basins and wetlands. Parks include East Goshen Township Park, Applebrook Preserve, Mill Creek Park and the Reservoir. Applebrook Preserve and the Reservoir have spots suitable for fishing.

Both Applebrook and East Goshen have paved walking trails. Applebrook also permits rollerblades, bicycles and skateboards, East Goshen Park does not.

At all of the parks dogs are welcome but must be on a leash and their waste must be picked up.

East Goshen Park is the main park and with 55 acres also has a playground, tennis courts, basketball, and pavilions available for use with a permit.

A map of the parks and open space can be found at:
www.eastgoshentownship.org/_documents/Public_Works_Open_Space_Map.pdf

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FOR THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PUMPKIN FEST!!!**



ACTIVE PARK — A park that is intended, designed, equipped and designated by the Park Board for activities by individuals or groups participating in one or more of the following activities: individual athletic activity, organized athletic/sport's activities by groups or teams, whether formal or informal, group picnics, theatrical events, national holiday events and similar formal activities.

PASSIVE PARK — A park that is intended as permanent open space primarily maintained in a relatively natural and/or landscaped setting and designated by the Park Board primarily for pastoral enjoyment, but not for organized activities by individuals or groups participating in one or more of the following activities: individual athletic activity, organized athletic/sport's activities by groups, teams or individuals, whether formal or informal, group picnics, theatrical events, national holiday events and similar formal activities. Examples of permitted activities and facilities are walking trails, nonmotorized biking, running, rollerblading, picnic areas, bird watching and similar benign activities. [Amended 7-15-2003 by Ord. No. 129-H-03]

SPONSOR — The individual who vouches for and who assumes responsibility for a person or group during the period such person or group uses the park, and who shall be personally responsible for any damages to the park or costs incurred by the township as a result of such use.

§ 163-3. Rules and regulations.

The following rules and regulations are hereby established for the management and protection of all parks, playgrounds and open space owned by the Township of East Goshen, hereinafter designated the "parks," and apply to both active and passive parks.

- A. Hours of operation. All parks, whether active or passive, shall be open daily to all township residents and their accompanied guests between sunrise and sunset. No person other than authorized employees of the township shall be in any park at any time between sunset and sunrise. At sundown, all activities in the parks, with the exception of those activities under the direct supervision of the Park Board or by those persons issued validly existing permits or other written authorization by the township as hereinafter provided, shall cease; and all unauthorized persons shall promptly leave. Except as above provided, no person, other than authorized township employees, shall be in the parks between the hours of sundown and sunrise.
- B. Protection of park property. No one shall injure, deface, remove, cut or damage any of the trees, plants, shrubs, turf, buildings, structures or fixtures or any other township park property.
- C. Removal of park equipment. No one shall climb, stand upon or remove any bench, seat, table, fence, grill or recreational equipment or facility from any park or change the location thereof without permission from the Park Board.
- D. Disorderly conduct prohibited. No one shall conduct himself within any park in a boisterous, immoral or indecent manner as to annoy any other person using the park or nearby residents. Any township police officer or other law enforcement official may forthwith remove any person from any township park for such conduct.

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1 order to do what is best for all 18,000 Township residents. Don noted that the Supervisor the
2 Board selects will be appointed for a two-year period. Marty said that each individual
3 Supervisor may have a different personal idea of what criteria would best suit the needs of the
4 Township. Marty added that in the event the Board cannot come to a decision, the Township's
5 Vacancy Board Member (former Supervisor John Chatley) would serve as a tie-breaker.
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7 *Public Comment: John Schorn, Larch Lane* – Asked if the Board is obligated to select one of the
8 candidates who applied. Don said there is no reason the Board should not be able to select a
9 candidate from the list, unless it turns out they are all unqualified.
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11 *Public Comment: Jack Dempsey, Jamestown Way* – Asked Don to elaborate on what would
12 make a candidate “unqualified” since he stated previously that the Board has no selection
13 criteria. The members of the Board told Mr. Dempsey that the only requirement to be appointed
14 as a Supervisor is to have lived in East Goshen for at least one year. Don noted that the Board
15 does not have a job description for the position of Supervisor to go by.
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17 *Public Comment: Jim McRee, Oneida Lane* – Responding to Mr. Rahbari's earlier comments,
18 Jim noted that the Board agreed during Workshop to publicly interview all the candidates, and
19 not to select only the best candidates for interviews. Mr. McRee then reported that he finds the
20 new “Slippery When Wet” sign posted near the bridge in the park to be too bright and out of
21 place along a pedestrian walkway. Rick said the sign conforms to the government's new
22 reflectivity standards.
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24 Adjournment

25 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.
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27 **WORKSHOP (Resumed)**

28 Use of Skateboards, Bicycles, Etc. in Park (Applebrook Side)

29 Don said that Hank Belber expressed concern that skateboards, bicycles, rollerblades, etc. are not
30 explicitly banned from the Applebrook side of the park. Marty and Carmen said they do not
31 think it's appropriate for these items to be permitted in Applebrook. Carmen said children
32 wanting to engage in these activities can use the West Goshen park. Thom disagreed and said
33 the children in the Township need a place for these activities. In addition, the Township should
34 be encouraging children to get outside and play, not discouraging it. Don said he is concerned
35 for pedestrian safety. He recommended sending this issue to Park & Rec and have them make a
36 recommendation to the Board. Thom noted that Park & Rec already made a recommendation to
37 allow these activities on the Applebrook side of the park. Don said he wants Park & Rec to be
38 told that three Supervisors have concerns about allowing these activities, and to look into this
39 again and make another recommendation to the Board by the first week in May.
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42 *Public Comment: Howard Jones, Kennett Way* – Asked if it would be possible to restrict the
43 activities to certain hours. Carmen said he did not think it would be practical, as pedestrians use
44 the park very heavily all throughout the day.
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Marty said he thinks it would be best to eliminate a potential problem before it occurs. Carmen said he would be in favor of allowing the activities if the path were to be widened by four feet.

Refuse & Recycling Bids

The Board discussed Rick's memo of January 14 on this topic.

Marty said there is probably not enough time to conduct a statistically valid survey of residents. He said he personally is not in favor of having residents contract with their own haulers. He is in favor of encouraging recycling and going to once-per-week pickups. He would also like the Township to make the trash fees correspond to each household's actual usage.

The Board went through the list of Rick's questions in the memo and agreed to the following. The Township will continue to contract with one hauler to be used by the residents. The Township will not go to a pay-per-bag system. The following will be bid as options:

- Once-per-week collection .
- Charging one base price for a standard 32-gallon can, with additional cans or bags to cost extra.
- Charging extra for services not used equally by all residents such as bulk pickup, leaf pickup, and Christmas tree pickup.

The Board agreed to try to get a sponsor to pay for leaf bags again this year.

Rick will check with West Chester University about the possibility of having students conduct a survey, and the cost.

Public Comment: Jim McRee, Oneida Lane – Suggested the Township consider contracting with a leaf pickup service for those residents who want that service.

Public Comment: Phyllis Marron, N. Chester Road – Said it will be difficult for the Township to get good results on a survey if it doesn't list the prices for the various options. The Board said that was a very good point.

Don suggested that Rick look into the possibility of extending the current trash contract for an extra year at the same delta that was used previously.

Pending Actions List

The Board reviewed and updated the Pending Actions list.

Any Other Matter

Carmen suggested the Township be proactive and spend \$56 to test the well located on the Township's property at the triangle for isopropyl alcohol. Don said the well belongs to Sunoco and may not be deep enough to yield the desired results. Carmen said the Township could ask Sunoco for permission to test the well. Don said if the Chester County Health Department thinks there is an issue, it's their responsibility to test the well. Marty wants to wait to hear back from the County Health Department on the letter the Township sent to them recently asking for a determination about the safety of the residents' water.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY
1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

FYI

January 22, 2010

Mrs. Vicki Wooters
272 Iroquois Lane
Malvern, PA 19355

RE: Park and Recreation Appointment

Dear Vicki:

I am pleased to inform you that at their meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, the Board of Supervisors re-appointed you to a five-year term on the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Board. Your term will expire at the end of the year 2014, at which time you may be re-appointed.

On behalf of the Board and the residents of East Goshen Township, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedicated service. We look forward to working with you in the future.

As always, if we can be of any assistance, please feel free to call.

Sincerely yours,



Louis F. Smith, Jr.
Township Manager

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cc: Park & Recreation Board

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2010 Grant Workshop for the Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2)



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Edward G. Rendell, Governor
PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, John Quigley, Acting Secretary
Bureau of Recreation & Conservation



www.prps.org

www.dcnr.state.pa.us

Grant Applications Due by Wednesday April 21, 2010 4:00 p.m.

At this FREE workshop you will:

- Learn about DCNR's Greening Emphasis
- Learn about changes to the 2010 C2P2 Grants Program
- Gain a better understanding of how to develop a competitive and ready to go project
- Meet Regional Advisers and Grant Project Managers

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Check In: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Workshop is from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. This workshop is presented by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the PA Recreation and Park Society. Registrants are admitted without regard to race, color, age, sex, religion, political affiliation, national origin or disability.

HOW TO REGISTER

You must register online for a workshop at <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/calendar> under the Workshops-Grants Calendar. For more information on the workshops, go to <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants>. For help with your project in advance of the workshops contact your Regional Adviser who can be reached through our Customer Service Center at 1-800-326-7734. For questions about the workshops and cancellations due to inclement weather, call PRPS at 814-234-4272.

CLASS CAPACITY LIMITED

Workshops may fill prior to the scheduled date and time. We recommend early online registration. Please register no less than one week prior to the date of the workshop you are planning to attend. If space is available, registration at the door will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. If unforeseen circumstances require us to cancel or reschedule a workshop every effort will be made to accommodate registrants at other workshops.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEUs)

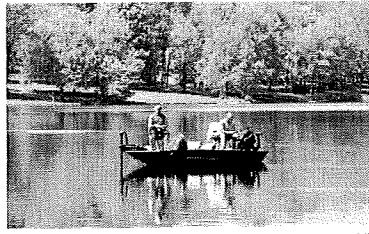
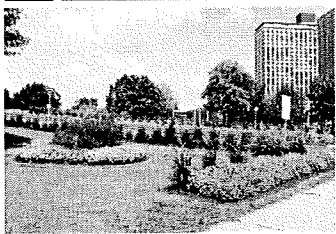
Up to 0.3 CEUs have been approved for this workshop. CEUs will be awarded to those participants who request them and pay the \$5 fee. CEUs are only for those who already hold a professional certification. CEUs are awarded by PRPS in accordance with the International Association for Continuing Education and Training guidelines.

Be GREEN!

Light refreshments will be provided at each workshop. Coffee and tea drinkers must bring their own "green" cup.

WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS

DATE	LOCATION
February 2, 2010	Southeast Region The Fire Academy - Public Safety Training Campus 1175 Conshohocken Road Conshohocken, PA 19428
February 4, 2010	Southeast Region Chester County Government Services Center 601 Westtown Road West Chester, PA 19380
February 9, 2010	Southcentral Region Stuart Community Center 415 Franklin Street Carlisle, PA 17013
February 11, 2010	Northcentral Region Boalsburg Fire Company 103 East Pine Street Boalsburg, PA 16827
February 18, 2010	Northeast Region Luzerne County Community College Bldg. 10, Educational Conference Center, Community Drive Naticoke, PA 18634
February 23, 2010	Northwest Region Clarion University of PA James Gemmell Student Complex Clarion, PA 16214
February 24, 2010	Southwest Region Dormont Borough Recreation Center 1801 Dormont Avenue Dormont, PA 15216



OPEN GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

2010 Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2)

Open Grant Application Period Announcement - January 6, 2010 - April 21, 2010

For more information to apply, go to <https://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us/index.aspx>.

INTENT OF C2P2

Grant funding from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) assists hundreds of communities and organizations across Pennsylvania to plan, acquire and develop recreation and park facilities, trails and conserve open space. Grants are available for the following types of projects:

Community Recreation and Conservation Projects to plan, acquire land for, develop or rehabilitate active and passive recreation, park, conservation, greenway and open space areas and facilities; **Land Trust Projects** to acquire open space, critical habitat and natural areas; **Pennsylvania Recreational Trails Projects** to develop and maintain recreational trails and related facilities for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail use; **Rails-to-Trails Projects** to plan, acquire or develop rail-trail corridors; **River Conservation Projects** to develop river conservation plans and fund implementation projects involving acquiring land, and planning or developing facilities such as trails and fishing access areas along river corridors; **Snowmobile/ATV Projects** to plan, acquire, develop and maintain snowmobile and ATV trails; **Technical Assistance Projects** that develop, promote or conduct training or educational programs; prepare and distribute technical assistance or educational manuals, brochures or videos and/or otherwise provide for the training and education of both professionals and the general public on a local, county, regional or statewide basis.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

During this open application period, applications for all of the above will be accepted between 10:00 AM Wednesday January 6, 2010 and 4:00 PM Wednesday April 21, 2010.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All applications must be submitted electronically, online through the Environmental eGrants System available at <https://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us/index.aspx>. DCNR piloted this system last year with great success, and this year has eliminated the traditional published paper manual and grant application forms. All applications must be submitted electronically; **no paper applications will be accepted**. Applications may **not** be submitted via fax or e-mail; if so-submitted, they will be rejected as not-submitted. All of the necessary information, plus additional program policies and application instructions, are available online both from within the online, electronic Environmental eGrants System and from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program webpage. For assistance with the Environmental eGrants

System, call the DCNR Grants Customer Service Center at 1-800-326-7734 or email us at **DCNR-Grants@state.pa.us**.

REGIONAL ADVISERS

We strongly encourage all applicants to contact their Regional Adviser to discuss the proposed project and the program application requirements prior to submitting an application. To find your Regional Adviser, go to http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/Regional_Map.pdf.

WORKSHOPS

DCNR, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS), has scheduled seven workshops throughout the Commonwealth during February, 2010. To register, go to: <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/calendar>.

Persons with a disability who wish to submit an application and require assistance should contact Darrel Siesholtz at **717-787-7672** to discuss how we may best accommodate their needs. Voice/TTY users should call **800-654-5984**.