

PATTON TOWNSHIP TALENT BANK

Patton Township has many skilled and talented citizens who contribute toward making our community a terrific place to live and work. Our volunteers serve on the following Authorities, Boards and Commissions (ABCs):

Township

Industrial/Commercial Development Authority
Open Space Stewardship Committee
Open Space Preservation Task Force
Planning Commission
Police Pension Board
Recreation Advisory Committee
Sign Review Board
Vacancy Board
Zoning Hearing Board
Water Authority

Centre Region

C-NET Board of Directors
Centre Area Transportation Authority Board of Directors
Centre Regional Recreation Authority Board of Directors
Centre Regional Planning Commission
Schlow Centre Region Library Board
University Area Joint Sewer Authority Board of Directors

Centre County

Centre County Airport Authority

There are typically four or five openings per year on the ABCs. When a vacancy occurs, the Board of Supervisors turns to the Township Talent Bank for the names of residents to consider for appointment to fill these vacancies. Most appointments are made in January, but openings happen occasionally during the year when people move from the area or have to leave an ABC for some other reason.

Citizens may submit biographical information forms at any time. The forms will be maintained in the Talent Bank for four years. If a citizen is not appointed to an ABC during the four-year period they may reapply.

The Talent Bank application form may be downloaded from the website, or be requested via e-mail at patton@twp.patton.pa.us, by calling the Township Secretary at 234-0271; by mail from the Patton Township Office, 100 Patton Plaza, State College, PA 16803.

PATTON TOWNSHIP ABC'S

Industrial/Commercial Development Authority: The ICDA has five members. The Authority was established to broker low interest loans for the development of new businesses in the area. Because it is a government entity, the Authority can obtain loans at lower rates since the interest is tax free. These interest savings can be passed on to the businesses to encourage new or expanded job opportunities for citizens in the area. The Authority is mostly inactive since commercial interest rates are so low. The members also serve as the Patton Township Water Authority.

Open Space Stewardship Committee: The Open Space Stewardship Committee was formed in 2007 and consists of 7 members. The Committee provides community oversight and input on the land management programs for Township owned Open Space at the Haugh Family Preserve.

Open Space Preservation Task Force: The OSTF consists of 13 residents appointed in 2002 to prepare a plan for the preservation of open space in Patton Township by utilizing the funds from the \$2,500,000 bond issue authorized by the voters in the November 2001 election. Because this is a task force rather than an ongoing ABC, the initial appointees will serve until the completion of the task assigned, and additional appointments will not be made. The Task Force may be reactivated should the Township undertake another Open Space acquisition.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission consists of seven Township residents appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Commission reviews and makes recommendations to the Board for all proposed development, changes in zoning districts and regulations, and extensions of water and sewer service areas. The Commission also studies and makes recommendations on the road network, stormwater management, sign and lighting regulations, and other issues relating to land use. The basis for the Planning Commission's study and recommendations is the Centre Region Comprehensive Plan, a plan recommended by the Planning Commissions in College, Harris, Halfmoon, Ferguson and Patton Townships and State College Borough, and adopted by the elected Board (or Council) in those municipalities.

Police Pension Board: The Police Pension Board has three members, one of whom is a Township resident. The Board is responsible for the oversight of the investment of the funds in the Police Pension Plan. Biennial actuarial reports are conducted to make certain that the plan remains fully funded at all times. The Board also has the responsibility to make determinations for eligibility of retirees under the pension plan, which is adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The Township Manager and a Police Department representative also serve on the Board.

Recreation Advisory Committee: The Recreation Advisory Committee is made up of five Township residents. The Committee advises the Board of Supervisors on improvements needed to the Township's park system and oversees the completion of park projects approved by the Board. The Committee prepares and presents for Board approval a Township Park Facilities Plan. When adopted by the Board, the plan becomes the framework for the committee's work on identifying specific park improvements to be included in each year's budget.

Sign Review Board: The Sign Review Board has five members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Board is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the Zoning Hearing Board on requests for special exceptions to the Township sign regulations when a sign incorporates unique elements and is integrated into the site/building design.

Vacancy Board: The Board of Supervisors is normally responsible for appointing eligible residents to fill vacancies in elected Township positions, including those on the Board itself. One resident is appointed to serve on the Vacancy Board. The Vacancy Board, consisting of the appointed citizen member and the remaining Supervisors, is convened when the Board of Supervisors is split two to two on naming a person to fill a vacancy.

Zoning Hearing Board: The Zoning Hearing Board consists of three regular members and three alternates appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Board holds hearings on variances from the Township Zoning Ordinance, appeals of decisions of the Zoning Officer, requests for special exceptions, and legal challenges to the validity of the Township Zoning Ordinance. The Board has a formal legal status under Pennsylvania's Planning Code. The Board's hearings are like court hearings with sworn testimony, cross-examinations and the right to be represented by legal counsel.

Township Water Authority: The Township Water Authority consists of five members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Township Water Authority is not responsible for the public water system serving most Township residents. The public system is provided by the State College Borough Water Authority. The Township Water Authority monitors funds and maintains a single small water access point for Township residents who have neither public water nor a well. The Authority only meets on call. The members also serve as the Patton Township Industrial/Commercial Development Authority.

CENTRE REGION ABC'S SERVING PATTON TOWNSHIP

C-NET Board of Directors: The C-NET Board oversees the operation of the local TV Government and Education Access Channels and CentreConnect.org, the community's common website. C-NET programming includes a community bulletin board, coverage of local meetings and activities, and other programs produced locally or of interest to area residents. The Patton Township Board of Supervisors appoints one citizen to serve on the Board. Other appointments to the 12-member Board are made by municipalities, school boards, library boards and the Centre County Commissioners.

Centre Area Transportation Authority Board of Directors: The Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Board consists of five members, one member from each of the five participating municipalities (Borough of State College, plus College, Ferguson, Harris and Patton Townships). Individual members' terms are five years. The CATA Board is responsible for transit policy determination, preparation of operation budgets, approval of routes and scheduling, adoption of fares and supervision of staff and operations. CATA owns buses and operates CENTRE LINE, the fixed-route bus service throughout the Centre Region and to Bellefonte. It also operates CENTRE RIDE, the area's specialized paratransit service for elderly and disabled individuals

Centre Regional Recreation Authority: The Centre Region Parks and Recreation Board has six members, one member appointed by each participating municipality in the Centre Region and one representative from the State College Area School Board. Members serve a term of five years. The Board acts in an advisory capacity to determine policy and programs for the Parks and Recreation Department and oversees implementation of these within the limits set by the approved annual budget of the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG). Board members are also members of the Centre Regional Recreation Authority, which was established in 1970 for the purpose of operating the William L. Welch and Park Forest outdoor swimming pools.

Centre Regional Planning Commission: The Centre Regional Planning Commission (CRPC) was established in 1960 to assist the Centre Region municipalities with their local and regional planning activities and to serve as coordinating agency among the six governments. The CRPC is responsible for oversight of the Planning Agency's annual work program. It considers planning issues and problems that extend into two or more municipalities and makes recommendations for action to the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG). There are seven members of the Commission: one appointed by the Borough of State College, one by each of the five Centre Region Township Boards or Councils, and one by the Pennsylvania State University. The term of office is one year. Patton Township's representative to the CRPC also serves as a member of the Patton Township Planning Commission.

Schlow Centre Region Library Board of Trustees: Schlow Library is governed by a nine member Board of Trustees appointed by the municipal governments in the Centre Region. Board members serve for three year terms and may only be reappointed once. They represent the community the library serves. The group is a mix of men and women who come from a variety of professions and backgrounds. Individuals appointed to the library board must have a commitment to the importance of library service and a willingness to devote the time and effort required. Patton Township appoints two member of the Board.

University Area Joint Authority Board of Directors: The University Area Joint Authority (UAJA) constructs, owns and operates the Spring Creek Pollution Control facility, which treats and disposes of sanitary sewage from Patton Township and other Centre Region municipalities. The Authority also owns and operates the sewage collection system that serves the developed areas of the Centre Region. Extensions of the collection system are normally financed by a land developer, but at the request of the municipality the Authority will develop plans and construct an extension to the system, if such construction is determined to be in the best interest of the Township and the current property owners being served. The Authority Board appoints an individual as Executive Director to manage the operations of the Authority. Patton Township appoints two members to the Authority for five-year terms.

CENTRE COUNTY ABC'S WITH PATTON TOWNSHIP MEMBERSHIP

Centre County Airport Authority: The Authority consists of nine members appointed by Centre County, State College and Bellefonte Boroughs, and the Townships of Benner and Patton (starting in 2005). The Authority is responsible for the operation of the passenger terminal and related facilities (parking, car rental agencies) at the passenger terminal at the University Park Airport. The Authority is not responsible for Airport operations. Penn State owns and operates the Airport.