

# **PATTON TOWNSHIP TALENT BANK**

[Patton Township](#) has many skilled and talented residents 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**

Open Space Stewardship Committee  
Open Space Preservation Task Force  
Planning Commission  
Police Pension Board  
Recreation Advisory Committee  
Vacancy Board  
Zoning Hearing Board  
Liaison to the SC Borough Water Authority

## **Centre Region**

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

## **Regional**

Spring Creek Watershed Authority

## **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 residents to consider for filling these vacancies. Most appointments are made in December and January, but openings happen occasionally during the year when people move from the area or have to leave an ABC for some other reason.

Residents may submit biographical information forms at any time. The forms will be maintained in the Talent Bank for four years. If a resident 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](mailto: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**

**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 various locations.

**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 Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and 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 provides oversight of the management of the investments the Police Pension Plan. Biennial actuarial reports are conducted to make certain that the plan always remains adequately funded. 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 in the Township's park system and bikeway network. Every five years, the Committee prepares and presents for Board approval a ten-year Township Parks and Bicycle Facilities Plan. When adopted by the Board, the plan becomes the framework for the committee's work on identifying specific park and bike-way improvements to be included in the Township's capital planning.

**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 the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. The Board's hearings are like court hearings with sworn testimony, cross-examinations and the right to be represented by legal counsel.

**Liaison to the [State College Borough Water Authority](#):** The Board of Supervisors appoints one resident to monitor the Board of Directors' activities of our public water supplier.

## **CENTRE REGION ABC'S SERVING PATTON TOWNSHIP**

**C-NET Board of Directors:** The [C-NET](#) Board oversees the operation of the local Government and Education TV Access Channels. 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 resident 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.

**[Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority](#):** This Authority 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 sets 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).

**[Centre Regional Planning Commission](#):** The 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](#):** Our public 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 municipalities the library serves. 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 members of the Board.

**[University Area Joint Authority](#) Board of Directors:** The Authority (UAJA) 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 outside the Borough of State College. 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.

## **REGIONAL ABC'S WITH PATTON TOWNSHIP MEMBERSHIP**

**Spring Creek Watershed Commission**: The Commission was formed in 2007 by 12 participating municipalities in the primary watershed for Centre County. The Board of Supervisors appoints one of their members as the regular voting member and appoints a resident as the alternate member. The Commission provides leadership on watershed- and environmental- related issues.

## **CENTRE COUNTY ABC'S WITH PATTON TOWNSHIP MEMBERSHIP**

**Centre County Airport Authority**: The Authority consists of nine members appointed by the Centre County Commissioner; 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 University Park Airport.