

# Peters Township Cable TV Board Summary of Meeting

August 5, 2008

*ATTENDANCE: Ryan Boni, Bill Herder, Toni Sulkowski, Ed Wisniewski*

## I. Comcast & Cable Franchise Update/Discussion / Verizon Update

There was no new updates on the Comcast Cable Franchise or Verizon FiOS service.

## II. Highlights and Summary for July 2008

Mr. Boni presented the Board with the monthly Highlights & Summary page for July 2008.

## III. Public Access Director's Report

### **PUBLIC ACCESS (COMCAST CHANNEL 7/VERIZON CHANNEL 38) PRODUCTIONS**

There were a total of 5 PTCT productions produced for Comcast Channel 7/Verizon Channel 38 in July. Out of these productions, 3 were recorded using the JVC GY-DV5000, 1 was recorded with a PTHS mini DV camcorder, and 1 was recorded with the multi-camera set-up. Out of these programs, 0 (0%) aired live to the community. There were 1 (20%) program recorded straight to DVD with the other 4 (80%) being recorded to digital videotape.

### **GOVERNMENT ACCESS (COMCAST CHANNEL 17/VERIZON CHANNEL 40) PRODUCTIONS**

There were 3 productions produced in July for Comcast Channel 17/Verizon Channel 40. These were the July 24<sup>th</sup> Peters Township Planning Commission Meeting and the July 14<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup> Peters Township Council General Meetings, all utilizing the multi-camera set-up in Council Chambers and recorded onto DVD.

### **EDUCATIONAL ACCESS (COMCAST CHANNEL 19/VERIZON CHANNEL 39) PRODUCTIONS**

There was 0 productions produced for Comcast Channel 19/Verizon Channel 39 in July.

### **PUBLIC ACCESS (COMCAST CHANNEL 7/VERIZON CHANNEL 38) PROGRAMMING**

July:

- There were 271 total hours of programming on Channels 7/38, with the other 472.3 hours utilizing the bulletin board.
- There were 143.8 hours of local programming shown. "Grilled" was shown for 24.25 of those hours.

- There were 21.46 hours of community events aired on Channels 7/38. PTHS Commencement was shown for 10.66 hours of that total.
- There was 73.34 hours of imported programming.
- There were 10 different religious services/programs shown accounting for 33 hours of programming.

**GOVERNMENT ACCESS (COMCAST CHANNEL 17/VERIZON CHANNEL 40) PROGRAMMING**

Council and Planning Commission meetings accounted for 92.48 hours of airtime on Channels 17/40 in July. The other 651.5 hours were taken up with the bulletin board.

**EDUCATIONAL ACCESS (COMCAST CHANNEL 19/VERIZON CHANNEL 39) PROGRAMMING**

Broadcasts of the PTHS Morning Announcements, "Let's Compute!" and School Board Meetings accounted for 0 program hours in July. The other 744 hours were used by the bulletin board.

**IV. MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT**

**MAINTENANCE**

No equipment was out for repair.

**EQUIPMENT**

No new equipment was purchased.

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Boni presented the Board with July Insider newsletter.

**VI. OTHER**

- Ms. Sulkowski asked about digital video distribution in the schools. The Board discussed how the impending digital transition in February 2009 would affect television distribution within the school buildings. The consensus of the Board is that whenever Comcast would choose to abandon its analog service, the televisions in the schools would no longer be able to have cable service to them. A few options are available at that time: have a digital box for each television; have a digital box for each channel that would be desired and remodulate those channels using the existing system; abandon the television system and utilize some form of a streaming/internet service to screens or projectors in the classrooms.
- Ms. Sulkowski suggested that Mr. Boni contact Jami Christopher to be added to an electronic sign-up list for facility requests, to ensure the District is aware of all times the studio is in use outside of the school day.
- The next meeting of the Peters Township Cable TV Board was set for **Tuesday September 2, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in Room A100** of the Peters Township High School.