



**COUNTY OF ERIE**  
**Erie County Planning Commission**

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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 11, 2010**

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at Fort LeBoeuf High School, Waterford, PA.

**Those in attendance were:**

<b>ECPC members:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
Gerry Dahl	Corry City (Chair, Exec. Board)
Charles Casey	Erie City (Exec. Board)
Paul Pangratz	Girard Township (Exec. Board)
Rick Allgeier	Greene Township (Exec. Board)
Joseph Legnasky	Lake City Borough (Exec. Board)
Laura Breon	Waterford Borough (Exec. Board)
Brenda Cannell	Edinboro Borough
Ken Neuburger	McKean Township
Marsha Tomcho	Union Township
Patricia Pfadt	Venango Township
<b>Planning Department Staff:</b>	
Jake Welsh	
Matthew Puz	
<b>Guests:</b>	
Ed Hess	McKean Township

Executive Board members present – 6 of 9; quorum attained

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Gerry Dahl called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was given.

## **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

None.

## **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 11, 2010 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Joe Legnasky and seconded by Laura Breon to approve the February 11, 2010 minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Municipal GIS Project

Jake Welsh gave update on the Planning Department's Municipal GIS Project, stating that Eric Randall and Mike Baker from the office are in the process of setting up appointments with the remaining municipalities to install the GIS features (parcel boundaries, centerlines, land use info, etc.) for each municipality at the municipal buildings.

### 2010 ECPC Members – New Term Appointments

Jake Welsh gave a brief update on the status of the 2010 appointments, noting that new appointments were still pending for two members. Jake noted that there were also still two vacant seats that remain to be filled.

### Inland Port Project

The status of the proposed inland port project was discussed. Members commented on possible activity occurring around the Albion / Cranestown area. The group discussed potential land use and transportation impacts associated with the future development.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ECDP Monthly Activity Report

Jake Welsh briefly reviewed information provided in the monthly activity report handout previously mailed to the ECPC members with the meeting notice. Jake specifically mentioned the Act 137 – Affordable Housing Program funding availability that was recently announced for 2010 projects, and the status of the Act 167 – Stormwater Management Plan for Erie County.

Jake noted that a draft model stormwater management ordinance has been prepared as part of the Act 167 planning process, and has been distributed to all 38 municipalities and the municipal engineers for review and comment. The draft ordinance is being

discussed at the next Plan Advisory Committee meeting on March 25 at the County Conservation District office.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### Municipal Reports

McKean Township representatives stated that the Township/Boro water project has been completed and the water is now turned on.

### Miscellaneous

Joe Legnasky mentioned that he had noticed several promotional and other publications that appeared to misrepresent Erie's assets or not put the Erie area in a positive light. Discussion followed regarding the tendency for media to focus on negative aspects of the region and not do enough promotion of the many positive assets that the Erie area has. It was recognized what a tremendous impact this type of exposure has on the perception of an area and possible economic repercussions for our local communities.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.