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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
 MEETING MINUTES**

April 8, 2010

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 8, 2010 in the **Admiral Room** at the **Raymond M. Blasco, M.D. Memorial Library**, 160 East Front Street, Erie PA.

Those in attendance were:

ECPC members:	Representing:
Gerry Dahl	Corry City (Chair, Exec. Board)
Jan Cornwell	Erie County (Vice-Chair, Exec. Board)
Charles Casey	Erie City (Exec. Board)
Carol Loll	Erie County Council (Exec. Board)
Mark Corey	Erie County (Exec. Board)
Rick Allgeier	Greene Township (Exec. Board)
Laura Breon	Waterford Borough (Exec. Board)
Bill Taylor	Elk Creek Township
Ed Williams	Erie City
Jim Cardman	Fairview Township
Marsha Tomcho	Union Township
Patricia Pfadt	Venango Township
Flory Kondzielski	Waterford Township
Planning Department Staff:	
Jake Welsh	
Guests:	

Executive Board members present – 7 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

Jack Pfadt asked if anybody was aware if any decisions had been made regarding the distribution of the uncommitted gaming revenues. He specifically wondered whether the liquid fuels distribution formula was still being considered for providing some of the funds to the municipalities. Jake Welsh stated that the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority is responsible for the allocation of those monies, and that he has not been provided with any notices from the Authority regarding the availability or allocation of those funds yet.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 11, 2010 MINUTES

A motion was made by Charles Casey and seconded by Laura Breon to approve the March 11, 2010 minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Municipal GIS Project

Jake Welsh gave an update on the Planning Department's Municipal GIS Project, stating that Eric Randall and Mike Baker from the office are continuing to install the GIS features (parcel boundaries, centerlines, land use info, etc.) with the remaining municipalities. The GIS has been installed at 22 of 38 municipalities so far.

2010 ECPC Members – New Term Appointments

Jake Welsh gave a brief update on the status of the 2010 appointments, noting that a new appointment was still pending for one member. Jake noted that there was also one vacant seat that remains to be filled. Bill Taylor introduced himself as Elk Creek Township's new representative and was welcomed by all.

Erie County SALDO Update

The status of the proposed SALDO was discussed. Jake Welsh noted that the legal review comments have been received from the County Solicitor's office, and two minor revisions were being made in response. The comments / revisions were of a wordsmithing nature, no substantive changes were suggested or recommended.

Jake noted that when the revised language is finalized, the SALDO would then be advertised for the 45-day public comment period prior to County Council's consideration for adoption.

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 touched on the FEMA Flood Map update and the status of the Stormwater Management Plan for Erie County.

Jake noted that the County was still waiting to hear from FEMA on when the 90-day appeal period was going to begin for municipalities and property owners to contest the draft floodzone boundaries, if any inconsistencies are found. Jake also mentioned that a few municipalities were already contacting property owners who may be impacted by the new boundaries when finalized, and some municipalities and property owners have called the planning department for additional technical assistance.

Jake noted previously that a draft model stormwater management ordinance is going to be included as an appendix to the new countywide plan, and the first draft of the ordinance was prepared and distributed to all 38 municipalities and the municipal engineers for their review and comment at a Watershed Plan Advisory Committee meeting on March 25 at the County Conservation District office. Jake gave a brief recap of the meeting, noting that there were some concerns expressed over a couple specific areas / requirements proposed in the draft ordinance, but not on the model ordinance as a whole. The comments from the meeting and received by mail are being reviewed and will be incorporated into a revised draft by the consultant.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was brief discussion on area recycling activities; the Southern Tier Recycling Program, and a one-day battery recycling event.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.