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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
 MEETING MINUTES**

February 10, 2011

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at the Erie County Conservation District, 1927 Wager Road, Erie PA.

Those in attendance were:

ECPC members:	Representing:
Gerry Dahl	Corry City (Chair, Exec. Board)
Richard Allgeier	Greene Twp (Exec. Board)
Charles Casey	Erie City (Exec. Board)
Paul Pangratz	Girard Twp (Exec. Board)
Patricia Pfadt	Venango Twp (Exec. Board)
Joe Legnasky	Lake City Boro (Exec. Board)
Darrell Kimmy	Amity Twp
Rick Huston	Conneaut Twp
Edward Williams	Erie City
William Taylor	Elk Creek Twp
Jim Cardman	Fairview Twp
Lawrence Davies	McKean Borough
Kenneth Neuburger	McKean Twp
Jerry Hordyck	North East Borough
Flory Kondzielski	Waterford Twp
Peter Nye	Wesleyville Borough
Planning Department Staff:	
John McGranor	
Matthew Puz	
Guests:	
Earl Brown	Union Twp

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 December 9, 2010 MINUTES

A motion was made by Charles Casey and seconded by Joe Legnasky to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT / ELECTION OF 2011

Joe Legnasky presented the nominating committee's recommendations for appointments to the 2011 Executive Board. A motion was made by Charles Casey and seconded by Patricia Pfadt to approve the recommendations. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Erie County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 5 Year Update

John McGranor from the Erie County Department of Planning provided information concerning the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The County is required to update its plan every 5 years. The plan will be prepared by the County's consultant, Michael Baker Jr., Inc., with input from the Erie County Department of Public Safety and the Erie County Department of Planning. Upon approval of the plan by FEMA, and adoption by Erie County Council, all municipalities will be asked to adopt the plan. It is important that all municipalities participate in the planning process, and adopt the final plan so that they will be eligible for disaster relief funding from FEMA. In order to meet the participation requirement, municipalities are asked to send a representative to at least one of three meetings. A "Kick-off" meeting was held earlier today, February 10th. The second meeting is scheduled for 3/24/11, and a final, public meeting is tentatively scheduled for 5/5/11. Municipalities are also encouraged to cooperate by providing any information requested by the consultant. A high degree of participation will result in a better and more effective plan. Additional information may be obtained at www.eriehmp.com, or by contacting ECDP.

ECDP Monthly Activity Report

John McGranor indicated that a “Municipal Model Ordinance” based on the new County SALDO is nearing completion. The model will be designed so that it can be easily tailored to meet the specific needs and requirements of any municipality. No additional report was provided.

OLD BUSINESS

Erie County Stormwater Management Plan

John McGranor provided an update on the status of the Stormwater Management Plan. The plan was officially adopted by County Council on February 1, 2011. As required, the County has submitted the plan to PA DEP for its review and approval. DEP has up to 90 days to complete its review. Upon approval, DEP will notify the County and all municipalities. At that time, it is expected that DEP will establish a 6-month period, within which, all municipalities will be required to adopt a stormwater management ordinance that is consistent with the plan. The adopted plan and model ordinance are available for viewing at www.eriecountyplanning.org.

Erie County Long Range Transportation Plan Update

John McGranor indicated that work on the Transportation Plan Update is in progress. It is anticipated that a public meeting will be scheduled in March. In addition, municipalities will receive surveys concerning the plan. Gerry Dahl added that a steering committee meeting will be held in 2 weeks.

LeBoeuf Twp Subdivision Modification Request

Matthew Puz from ECDP provided an update on the LeBoeuf Twp subdivision modification request. ECPC previously approved the modification request at its December 9, 2010 meeting. Matthew indicated that the subdivision plan review process has since been completed by ECDP, and the plan was approved by the Department.

2011 ECPC Meeting Schedule

John McGranor suggested that ECPC consider changing the time of the 3/10/11 meeting to 6:00 PM since an ECATO meeting is scheduled for later that evening. Jim Cardman concurred, adding that the ECATO meeting is scheduled for 7:00. Following a brief discussion, Gerry Dahl asked if anyone objected to a 6:00 start on 3/10/11, or had any other comments or suggestions regarding the schedule. Given that no objections were voiced, and no other revisions were proposed, the meeting schedule was approved. The next ECPC meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on 3/10/11. The location will be Ft. LeBoeuf High School.

2011 ECPC Members – New Term Appointments

John McGranor indicated that 11 of 12 municipalities have responded concerning new term appointments. Summit Township has not yet responded. New appointments are as follows:

Darrell Kimmy	Amity Twp
Gerry Dahl	Corry City

Brenda Cannell	Edinboro Borough
Paul Pangratz	Girard Twp
Joe Legnasky	Lake City Borough
Lawrence Davies	McKean Borough
Jerry Hordyck	North East Borough
Jeffrey Eaton	Springfield Twp
Mary Jo Campbell	Washington Twp
Laura Breon	Waterford Borough
Flory Kondzielski	Waterford Twp

Rick Huston stated that he will be serving the remainder of Marilyn Strait's appointment for Conneaut Township.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bridge Inspection Reports

Concern was expressed with the timing of the bridge inspections. Inspections are being performed in winter, and the concern is that this may lead to re-inspections and increased cost to the County. Gerry Dahl stated that he believes that the contract is "lump-sum", and that if additional inspections are required, they would not increase the cost. He added that perhaps this could be clarified by ECDP.

COSTARS

Gerry Dahl commented on COSTARS, and indicated that there is expected to be a late season salt shortage. A brief discussion followed, related to salt usage and prices.

Inland Port Project

Rick Huston from Conneaut Township expressed concern about the lack of public knowledge about the proposed inland port project. Private businesses are involved, and they have not provided any information to the Township regarding their plans. A brief discussion followed. Little or no information concerning the proposed project has been made public. Private businesses are not subject to the same public disclosure requirements as public entities. Zoning and SALDO offer some protections to municipalities who have adopted these types of ordinances.

Liquid Fuels

Joe Legnasky voiced concerns about the manner/process in which liquid fuels allocations are currently managed. Gerry Dahl gave assurances that these concerns are being addressed, and that hopefully, the process will "get back on track".

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.