



**COUNTY OF ERIE**

**Erie County Planning Commission**

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*Chair*

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*Vice-Chair*

**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 10, 2012**

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at **6:30 PM** on **Thursday, May 10, 2012** at the **Erie County Conservation District**, 1927 Wager Road, Erie PA.

**Those in attendance were:**

<b>ECPC members:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
Patricia Pfadt	Venango Twp (Chair, Exec. Board)
Jan Cornwell	Erie County (Vice-Chair, Exec. Board)
Gerry Dahl	Corry City (Exec. Board)
Carol Loll	County Council (Exec. Board)
Charles Casey	Erie City (Exec. Board)
Paul Pangratz	Girard Twp (Exec. Board)
Joseph Legnasky	Lake City Boro (Exec. Board)
Ed Kissell	County of Erie
Laura Cook	Cranesville Borough
Kenneth Neuburger	McKean Twp
Kurt Lichtenfield	North East Twp
Flory Kondzielski	Waterford Twp
Pete Nye	Wesleyville Boro
<b>Planning Department Staff:</b>	
Jake Welsh	
John Morgan	
<b>Guests:</b>	

Executive Board members in attendance – 7 of 9; quorum attained

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Patricia Pfadt called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was given.

## HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

## APPROVAL OF APRIL 12, 2012 MINUTES

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

## NEW BUSINESS

### ECDP Monthly Activity Report

Jake Welsh asked if there were any specific questions regarding the Activity Report that was provided with the meeting notice. No questions were asked, however, Ken Neuburger initiated a brief discussion concerning recycling service in the McKean area, noting that a local waste hauling company recently went out of business, leaving Waste Management (WM) as the only provider available. He indicated they were not providing recycling service to the township. Concerns were also expressed by other members about the increasing costs associated with trash hauling/recycling services from WM due to the lack of competition in Erie County. Jake indicated he would discuss the issue with Don Blakesley, Erie County Recycling Coordinator, and possibly initiate discussion with WM to explore recycling service options in the more rural, lower density areas of the County. Jake also noted that a resolution approving the 2012 CDBG application was going to be considered by County Council at their May 15 meeting.

### Erie County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Jake Welsh introduced John Morgan, ECDP Transportation Planner, who is responsible for administering the recently completed plan update process. John then gave a detailed presentation illustrating the plan's components, methodology, analysis results and recommendations for the County's transportation system. Discussion followed. A copy of the plan is available on the ECDP website at [www.eriecountyplanning.org](http://www.eriecountyplanning.org).

## OLD BUSINESS

### Erie County Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption Process

Jake reiterated that the next step is for plan adoption by the County and all municipalities. County Council was provided with a memo on May 1 outlining the plan development/approval process to date and notifying them of the April 12 ECPC recommendation for County adoption. Council will consider adoption of the plan via resolution at their May 15 meeting. The plan is available for review at [www.eriehmp.com](http://www.eriehmp.com) and also on the ECDP website.

### Erie County Blight Remediation Plan

Final revisions have been made to the blight analysis and remediation plan final report submitted to ECHO. ECDP will be assisting in the distribution of the report to Erie County municipalities and other stakeholders for their comments and prioritization of next steps. An online survey is being developed as part of the initial outreach effort.

### PA Act 13 of 2012 – Unconventional Gas Well Law

PUC recently adopted the implementation order authorizing the collection and distribution of the impact fees. The manner of distribution is set by formula, as outlined in the legislation.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### ECPC Member Replacement / Executive Board Vacancy

Jake notified the members that Waterford Borough has selected a new representative, Karen Molitor, to serve on the ECPC. Laura Breon, their former representative, was also on the 2012 executive board, creating a vacancy. Jake indicated he would check the bylaws to verify the procedures for filling the vacancy.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.