



COUNTY OF ERIE

Erie County Planning Commission

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Patricia Pfadt
Chair

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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

June 21, 2012

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at **6:30 PM** on **June 21, 2012** at the **Raymond M. Blasco, M.D. Memorial Library**, 160 East Front Street, Erie, PA.

Those in attendance were:

ECPC members:	Representing:
Patricia Pfadt	Venango Twp (Chair, Exec. Board)
Jan Cornwell	Erie County (Vice-Chair, Exec. Board)
Gerry Dahl	Corry City (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
William Lawry	Greenfield Twp
Marguerite lobst	Lawrence Park Twp
William Van Volkenburg	North East Borough
Kurt Lichtenfeld	North East Twp
Karen Molitor	Waterford Borough
Flory Kondzielski	Waterford Twp
Planning Department Staff:	
Jake Welsh	
Don Blakesley	
Guests:	

Executive Board members in attendance – 6 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 MAY 10, 2012 MINUTES

A motion was made by Joe Legnasky 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. Jake briefly mentioned that the final draft of the 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which authorizes highway and bridge improvements in Erie County for the next four years, was approved by the Erie MPO on May 16. A 30-day public comment period began on June 18, and a public meeting to discuss the TIP will be held July 12, prior to official MPO adoption on July 25.

Solid Waste Management / Recycling Program Update

Don Blakesley, Erie County Recycling Coordinator, provided an overview of the issues discussed at the recently held 2012 Recycling Summit. He provided information regarding municipal recycling statistics for 2011, discussed impacts of changes in curbside pickup services in Franklin Twp that are affecting the use of the Washington Twp drop-off recycling site. Don also gave an overview of the new RecyclErie bar/restaurant program, and provided stats on the drop-off site program, the recycling convenience center for e-waste and HHW, and the recent composting workshops. Don also discussed the Solid Waste Management Plan update, which is going to be getting underway with the selection of an advisory committee. Members were asked to inform ECDP if they were interested in serving on the committee. Don indicated that all information discussed would be posted on the recycling program website at www.eriecountyrecycling.com.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Waterford Twp Injection Well

Flory Kondzielski gave members an update on the status of the injection well issue they have been dealing with, noting that the failing well has been capped, but that there are ongoing concerns regarding impacts to the aquifer / water wells in the area. He asked for any suggestions of people with expertise in well drilling / water quality related issues to assist the township in trying to review and assess the information available from DEP regarding the injection well.

Venango Twp Dollar General

Patricia Pfadt informed the members that a proposed Dollar General to be located near Wattsburg in Venango Twp was no longer being pursued by the company. She indicated that there was some opposition to the development that impacted their decision.

Union City Dam

Jake informed the members that he received an e-mail from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding their upcoming update to the water management plan for the dam. Jake noted that he forwarded the e-mail to the surrounding municipalities as an FYI, and that according to their e-mail there will be a public meeting to register comments sometime this summer, likely in August. There was discussion regarding previous plans to utilize the dam area for recreational purposes and that the Corps should be reminded of those previous plans during the update process.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.