



**COUNTY OF ERIE**

**Erie County Planning Commission**

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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**August 9, 2012**

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, August 9, 2012** at the **Erie County Conservation District office**, 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)
Charles Casey	Erie City (Exec. Board)
Joseph Legnasky	Lake City Boro (Exec. Board)
Ed Kissell	County of Erie
Laura Cook	Cranesville Borough
Jim Cardman	Fairview Township
Kurt Lichtenfeld	North East Twp
Flory Kondzielski	Waterford Twp
Pete Nye	Wesleyville Borough
<b>Planning Department Staff:</b>	
Jake Welsh	
<b>Guests:</b>	
Earl Brown	Conservation District

Executive Board members in attendance – 5 of 9; quorum attained

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was given.

## HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

## APPROVAL OF JUNE 21, 2012 MINUTES

A motion was made by Charles Casey and seconded by Joe Legnasky 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 noted that the FFY 2013 Coastal Zone grant round is opening on Monday, August 20, 2012 and will close on Monday, October 15, 2012. Projects funded through the CRM Program must be located within or directly affect the Lake Erie Coastal Zone, including the Lake Erie Watershed.

Jake also gave a brief update on the Destination Erie planning process, mentioning that the consultants continue to make periodic visits to meet with stakeholder groups and community members in order to receive comments and input, and that the next round of consultant/consortium work group meetings are being held the week of August 27th. Jake also asked if any ECPC members were interested in formally participating in the consortium as a representative from their area of the county. He asked any interested folks to contact him to confirm.

### Guest Speakers

Jan Cornwell requested that guest speaker's presentations be limited to ten or fifteen minutes in length to allow adequate time for questions and discussion afterward and conduct of the rest of the regular meeting agenda.

### CDBG Funding

Joe Legnasky raised the topic of funding policies for CDBG projects / applications. The group discussed the current policies and trends in applications/requests for funding. There was discussion of modifying the current funding award limits, which was done due to the recently reduced funding levels, and of possibly adding other limits and/or requirements in an effort to stretch dollars further. A motion was made by Charles Casey and seconded by Jan Cornwell to review the current funding guidelines for possible modifications. The motion was approved unanimously. It was agreed to put the issue on the agenda for the next regular meeting in September.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### McBride Viaduct

Patricia Pfadt questioned the source of funding noted in the newspaper regarding the bridge project, and the group briefly discussed the status of the project. Jake gave an overview of the local bridge funding program and the evaluation process used to determine the most suitable improvements.

### Gaming Revenue Authority

Ed Kissel mentioned that at a recent meeting the gaming authority had recently discussed reviewing their funding distribution formulas and possible creation of new guidelines and programs for some type of municipal grants. It was suggested to invite Perry Wood, director of the authority, to an upcoming meeting to discuss.

### Corry Water Supply

Gerry Dahl noted that the issues with the Corry water supply were being addressed, and also wanted to inform the group that they had implemented the reverse 911 system to notify residents of the problem and commented it was very effective.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The members enjoyed a light picnic afterward and thanked Earl Brown for the use of the pavilion.