



COUNTY OF ERIE

Erie County Planning Commission

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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

February 9, 2012

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at **6:30 PM** on **Thursday, February 9, 2012** at the **Fairview Township Municipal Building**, 7471 McCray Road, Fairview PA.

Those in attendance were:

ECPC members:	Representing:
Gerry Dahl	Corry City (Chair, Exec. Board)
Jan Cornwell	Erie County (Vice-Chair, Exec. Board)
Carol Loll	Erie County Council (Exec. Board)
Charles Casey	Erie City (Exec. Board)
Paul Pangratz	Girard Twp (Exec. Board)
Rick Allgeier	Greene Twp (Exec. Board)
Joe Legnasky	Lake City Boro (Exec. Board)
Patricia Pfadt	Venango Twp (Exec. Board)
Ed Kissell	Erie County
Laura Cook	Cranesville Boro
William Taylor	Elk Creek Twp
Jim Cardman	Fairview Twp
William Lawry	Greenfield Twp
Marguerite Iobst	Lawrence Park Twp
Kenneth Neuburger	McKean Twp
William Van Volkenburg	North East Boro
William Logan	Platea Boro
Pete Nye	Wesleyville Boro
Planning Department Staff:	
Jake Welsh	
Guests:	
Jack Pfadt	Venango Twp

Executive Board members present – 8 of 9; quorum attained

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Gerry Dahl called the meeting to order and pledge of allegiance was given.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 8, 2011 MINUTES

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

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Board Nominating Committee Report / Election of 2012 Officers

Jan Cornwell presented the nominating committee's recommendations for appointments to the 2012 Executive Board as described in a handout provided to the members (see attached). It was noted that all but one of the 2011 E-Board members / 2012 nominees have confirmed their interest in continuing to serve, confirmation had not been received yet from Laura Breon. A motion was made by Joe Legnasky and seconded by Jan Cornwell to approve the recommendations. The motion was approved unanimously.

ECDP Monthly Activity Report

Jake Welsh asked if there were any specific questions regarding the Activity Report that was provided with the meeting notice. Discussion followed on several items of interest, including:

Erie County 2040 Transportation Plan – The draft plan has now been posted on the ECDP website and advertised for a 30-day public comment period, which ends March 9th. An Erie MPO meeting, public officials briefing, and public meeting will all be held on February 15 to further review and discuss the Plan. Formal MPO adoption will occur after the comment period has expired, pending any comments received.

HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Program Grant – The formal Cooperative Agreement was executed between the County and HUD and effective February 1, 2012. Communications are ongoing with HUD, the planning consultants, and area partner agencies to finalize the consultant's scope and budget for the Plan.

Erie County Recycling Convenience Center – The center has moved to a new location; 1624 Filmore Avenue, Millcreek Township, with the first collection event being held on March 3rd. The 2012 program schedule and details are available on the recycling website.

OLD BUSINESS

2012 ECPC Members – New Term Appointments

Jake updated the status of the new term appointments. Eleven ECPC member terms expired at the end of 2011. ECDP has received official notifications for re-appointment or new appointments for nine of the eleven members. Four of the nine appointments received to date are new members. The new members in attendance were welcomed by all and encouraged to contact Jake with questions regarding their new role with the ECPC.

2012 Meeting Schedule

The 2012 schedule was reviewed briefly and the upcoming alternate locations were discussed. It was noted that the March meeting would be held at Fort LeBoeuf HS in conjunction with the ECATO school sessions being held there that evening, and that the starting time would be confirmed for 6pm. It was also noted that the Erie Co. Conservation District office is hosting two meetings later this year, and the ECPC is open to additional alternate meeting locations if suggested.

OTHER BUSINESS

Traffic Signal Emergency Pre-emption Task Force – Gerry and Jake noted that the ECDP/Erie MPO has been working with several local municipalities, PENNDOT, and area emergency service providers to assess the condition of the existing ‘RELCO’ traffic signal emergency pre-emption system, and develop alternatives and seek funding to repair the failing system. Several meetings have been held to discuss cost estimates for a phase of the proposed improvements to prioritize access the hospitals, and coordination of a possible presentation and request for funds from the ECGRA.

Pleasant Ridge Manor – Carol Loll was asked to provide an up date on the County’s deliberations regarding Pleasant Ridge Manor. Carol described the ongoing issues and recent activities and noted that no decisions have been made yet. Both the PRM buildings are in need of repair and renovation, with the required sprinkler system installation being the largest concern and cost, approximately \$800 thousand. The sale of a number of the bed licenses could eventually allow for the PRM East facility to be sold/closed. The extension of water and sewer lines to the PRM West facility is also being looked into for feasibility, with cost estimates of \$1.4 million. All options are still being explored.

Recognition of outgoing ECPC Chairman Gerry Dahl – Jan Cornwell expressed the ECPC members’ recognition and gratitude for Gerry’s outstanding service to the ECPC as past Chairman of the Executive Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.