



## COUNTY OF ERIE

### Erie County Planning Commission

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### MEETING NOTICE

A regular meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission will be held at **6:00 PM** on Thursday, April 10, 2014 in the Admiral Room at the Raymond M. Blasco, M.D. Memorial Library, 160 East Front St., Erie PA.

#### - AGENDA -

- I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Hearing of the Public
- III. Approval of the March 13, 2014 Minutes (attached)
- IV. ECDP Monthly Activity Report (attached)
- V. Old Business
  - A. Erie County Comprehensive Plan – Land Use Plan Map Update
- VI. New Business
  - A. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Participation Plan – available at [www.eriecountyplanning.org](http://www.eriecountyplanning.org)
- VII. Other Business
  - A. Municipal Reports
- VIII. Adjournment

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS: PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE**



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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**April 10, 2014**

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 10, 2014 in the Admiral Room at the Raymond M. Blasco, M.D. Memorial Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie, PA.

**Those in attendance were:**

<b>ECPC members:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
Gerry Dahl	Corry City (Chair, Exec. Board)
Jan Cornwell	County (Vice Chair, Exec. Board)
Richard Allgeier	Greene Twp (Exec. Board)
Paul Pangratz	Girard Twp (Exec. Board)
Patricia Pfadt	Venango Twp (Exec. Board)
Charles Casey	Erie City (Exec. Board)
Jim Cardman	Fairview Twp (Exec. Board)
Flory Kondzielski	Waterford Twp (Exec. Board)
Edward Kissell	County
Terry Bowersox	Cranesville Borough
Karen Watson	Lake City Borough
Mark Kukla	Lawrence Park Twp
Kenneth Neuburger	McKean Twp
Kurt Lichtenfeld	North East Twp
William Kuhn	Platea Borough
Marsha Tomcho	Union Twp
Peter Nye	Wesleyville Borough
<b>Planning Department Staff:</b>	
John McGranor	
<b>Guests:</b>	
None	

Executive Board members present – 8 of 9; quorum attained

## **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

None. No members of the public were in attendance.

## **APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2014 MINUTES**

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

## **ECDP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

The ECDP Monthly Activity Report was provided with the meeting notice. John McGranor added the following comments:

Destination Erie is planning to hold its next round of public meetings in May or June. The meetings will be held in locations throughout the County. The purpose of the meetings will be to wrap up phase II and initiate phase III of the planning effort.

The Erie Area Council of Governments will hold a meeting of its stormwater committee tomorrow morning, April 11<sup>th</sup>. It's consultant, Alan Kugler, of PA Futures, will be presenting his initial recommendations for the committee's consideration and input.

Applications for the Erie County Agricultural Land Preservation Program will be accepted this year, from June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. The program currently has approximately 1.5 million dollars of funding available, and is in need of more quality applications. Anyone interested in the program, or in submitting an application is encouraged to contact John McGranor at ECDP for more information. Erie County hopes to preserve 3 or 4 farms this year, and is currently working to preserve 3 farms, which are located in Fairview, Girard and Wayne Townships. The Girard farm (147 acres) was approved by the State in February, and the Wayne Township farm (172 acres) is expected to be approved by the State at its April meeting.

Erie County's Affordable Housing (Act 137) Program awarded funding to five projects in 2014. The award amounts totaled \$170,000. It is noted that only four projects are listed in the ECDP monthly report. The fifth project was omitted in error. HANDS was awarded \$40,000 for its Goodrich House Project.

The Erie County Greenways Program allocates Act 13 Marcellus Legacy Funds for eligible projects. This year, approximately \$200,000 is available. Applications are

currently being reviewed and prioritized. An announcement of the awards is expected to be made later this month.

Work on the Erie County Comprehensive Plan – Land Use Plan Map Update is ongoing. ECDP will consult with municipalities as soon as a preliminary/draft of the map update has been completed. Proposed revisions to the map will reflect changes to municipal comprehensive plans, zoning and water/sewer availability that have occurred over the last 10 years. ECDP is working to ensure consistency between the County’s updated map, and the plans of municipalities.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Erie County Comprehensive Plan – Land Use Plan Map Update

Work on the Erie County Comprehensive Plan – Land Use Plan Map Update is ongoing. ECDP will consult with municipalities as soon as a preliminary/draft of the map update has been completed. Proposed revisions to the map will reflect changes to municipal comprehensive plans, zoning and water/sewer availability that have occurred over the last 10 years. ECDP is working to ensure consistency between the County’s updated map, and the plans of municipalities. ECPC members will be notified when draft maps are available for their respective municipalities, and are encouraged to be an active participant in the review process. It is noted that ECPC has already initiated some preliminary discussions with Venango Township Planning Commission members.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Participation Plan

The purpose of the CDBG Citizen Participation Plan is to document Erie County’s policies and procedures for citizen participation, as they relate to the CDBG program. Public comments will be accepted through April 25, 2014. Following the comment period, County Council will be asked to consider adoption of the plan.

John McGranor gave a brief summary of the plan. The plan does not recommend any changes from current policy or procedures. John requested that ECPC consider recommending the plan for adoption by County Council.

Charles Casey made a motion that the recommendation request should be tabled until the ECPC’s May meeting. That will allow members to review the plan. Ed Kissell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. ECPC members are requested to review the plan in preparation for the May meeting. The plan is available at [www.eriecountyplanning.org](http://www.eriecountyplanning.org).

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### Municipal Reports

Ken Neuburger noted that Rick Road Bridge project has not yet gone out for bid.

Ed Kissell asked about road conditions and salt usage resulting from the severe winter. The overall consensus was that conditions are worse than normal.

Flory Kondzielski noted that the construction of the round-about on Routes 19 and 97 in Waterford is scheduled to begin on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Bill Kuhn noted that roundabouts have worked well in England. Other members also expressed optimism for the project. Jim Cardman added that another roundabout is scheduled for construction next year, at the intersection of West Lake and Millfair Roads in Fairview Township.

Jim Cardman announced that the Erie County Zoning and Code Enforcement Officials Association will be holding its quarterly meeting at the Summit Township Building on March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 PM. The Association is working to build attendance. Jim asked ECPC members to encourage their zoning and code enforcement officials to attend the meeting.

The next ECPC meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2014. Jim Cardman has offered to host the meeting in Fairview. The location will be confirmed on the next meeting notice.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.