



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, May 8, 2014** at the **Greene Township Municipal Building**, 9333 Tate Road, Erie, PA (see attached map).

- AGENDA -

- I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Hearing of the Public
- III. Approval of the April 10, 2014 Minutes (attached)
- IV. ECDP Activity Report (attached)
- V. Old Business
 - A. Erie County Comprehensive Plan – Land Use Plan Map Update
 - B. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Participation Plan – available at www.eriecountyplanning.org
- VI. New Business
- 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**

May 8, 2014

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at the **Greene Township Municipal Building**, 9333 Tate Road, Erie, PA.

Those in attendance were:

ECPC members:	Representing:
Gerry Dahl	County of Erie (Chair, Exec. Board)
Jan Cornwell	County of Erie (Vice Chair, Exec. Board)
Charles Casey	Erie City (Exec. Board)
Jim Cardman	Fairview Twp (Exec. Board)
Paul Pangratz	Girard Twp (Exec. Board)
Flory Kondzielski	Waterford Twp (Exec. Board)
Edward Kissell	County
Karen Watson	Lake City Borough
Mark Kukla	Lawrence Park Twp
Kurt Lichtenfeld	North East Twp
William Kuhn	Platea Borough
Marsha Tomcho	Union Twp
Peter Nye	Wesleyville Borough
Planning Department Staff:	
Jake Welsh	
Guests:	
None	

Executive Board members present – 6 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.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 10, 2014 MINUTES

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

ECDP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

The ECDP Monthly Activity Report was provided with the meeting notice. Jake Welsh asked the members to comment on the new format of the report that was provided, noting the more abbreviated descriptions of ongoing/recent activity. Members indicated they liked the shorter, bulleted descriptions. Jake indicated the reports will now follow this format, and offered that more detailed, project specific information will be provided separately if requested.

There was also brief discussion of a couple topics in the report, including the Erie County Greenways Program. Jake noted that all project reviews and prioritization were completed, and funding recommendations had been made to the County Executive. As a courtesy to them, all applicants were being notified of the final funding decisions prior to a media release being distributed. The announcement of the awards was expected to be made within the next couple weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

Erie County Comprehensive Plan – Land Use Plan Map Update

Work on the Land Use Plan Map Update is ongoing, reflecting changes to municipal comprehensive plans, zoning and water/sewer availability that have occurred over the last 10 years. The goal is to ensure consistency between the County's updated map, and the plans of municipalities. ECDP has begun consulting with municipalities as preliminary drafts of the map have been completed for sections of the County. ECPC members are also being notified when draft maps are available for their respective municipalities, and are encouraged to be an active participant in the review process.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Citizen Participation Plan

Jake reiterated that the purpose of the CDBG Citizen Participation Plan is to document Erie County's policies and procedures for citizen participation relating to the CDBG program. Following the public comment period and endorsement by the planning commission, County Council will be asked to consider adoption of the plan at their May 19 meeting.

Jake then asked the members to consider approving the plan. A motion was made by Charles Casey and seconded by Jan Cornwell to approve the Plan. The motion was approved unanimously.

RELCO Emergency Pre-emption System

Ed Kissell reported that Erie County Council has approved \$100,000 in funding for the first phase of the RELCO system improvements. Phase one is being implemented by several municipalities which have partnered to do a group purchase of new equipment needed to repair the system at existing intersections leading to the area hospitals. Council approved the funding contingent on the participating municipalities securing matching funds totaling at least \$100,000, which was recently confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Municipal Reports

Flory Kondzielski gave members an update on the construction of the roundabout on Routes 19 and 97 in Waterford which began in April. He expressed concern over the anticipated traffic impacts during construction, noting that a bridge was also being replaced this summer just west of the Borough which will cause additional detours and congestion around Waterford. Flory also noted that the KLN development at the former Troyer Farms facility is progressing; they are working on getting the water and sewer utilities to the site.

Other

The next ECPC meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2014. Jim Cardman re-extended the offer to host the meeting in Fairview. Members agreed to have the meeting location changed to Fairview, possibly at Pleasant Ridge Park. The location will be confirmed by the Township and provided with the next meeting notice.

Bill Kuhn also offered to host an upcoming meeting in the Platea area, possibly at the West County EMS facility. Members expressed interest in looking at the remaining calendar for a possible date.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.