



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, September 11, 2014** in the Admiral Room at the Raymond M. Blasco, M.D. Memorial Library, 160 East Front St., Erie PA.

Note – A public meeting will be held at 6pm to review the Erie County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Update (available for viewing at eriecountyplanning.org). The regular agenda will begin immediately afterward.

- AGENDA -

- I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Hearing of the Public
- III. Approval of the August 14, 2014 Minutes (attached)
- IV. ECDP Activity Report (attached)
- V. Old Business
 - A. Erie County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Update (consideration of recommendation for approval)
- VI. New Business
 - A. Draft Erie County CDBG Section 3 Plan (available for viewing at eriecountyplanning.org - consideration of recommendation for approval)
- 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**

September 11, 2014

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 11, 2014 in the Admiral Room at the Raymond M. Blasco, M.D. Memorial Library, 160 East Front St., 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)
Carol Loll	County Council (Exec. Board)
Charles Casey	Erie City (Exec. Board)
Jim Cardman	Fairview Twp (Exec. Board)
Rick Allgeier	Greene Twp (Exec. Board)
Pat Pfadt	Venango Twp (Exec. Board)
Flory Kondzielski	Waterford Twp (Exec. Board)
Edward Kissell	County
Terry Bowersox	Cranesville Borough
Karen Watson	Lake City Borough
Kenneth Neuburger	McKean Township
Chris Kelly	North East Borough
Kurt Lichtenfeld	North East Township
Marsha Tomcho	Union Township
Karen Molitor	Waterford Borough
Planning Department Staff:	
Jake Welsh	
John McGranor	
Guests:	
Patrick Molitor	Waterford Borough Planning Commission
	Franklin Township

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

PUBLIC MEETING – FUTURE LAND USE MAP UPDATE

John McGranor provided an overview of the methodology and process for updating the County's future land use map, explaining the definitions of the land use categories shown on the map, and the coordination efforts with the County's 38 municipalities to review and comment on revisions in their area. John also described the public notification process required by the PA Municipalities Planning Code that the County is following prior to adoption of the new map by County Council.

There was also discussion / comparison of the 2003 map and the draft 2014 map in various areas of the County. No other questions or comments were registered by the public.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 14, 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 if there were any questions regarding specific topics in the report and responded to a question about the scope of one of the greenways projects in the report. No additional report was given.

OLD BUSINESS

Erie County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Update – As John McGranor had previously stated, the proposed map was sent to all Erie County Municipalities; Erie County School Districts; and contiguous Counties, Municipalities and School Districts for a forty-five day review period ending September 15, and notice of the September 11 public meeting prior to the regular ECPC meeting was advertised, as required per the MPC. The map has also been available for viewing at eriecountyplanning.org. No comments had been received to date.

Gerry Dahl asked for a motion to approve the map and recommend adoption by County Council, and asked if there were any questions or discussion on the motion. After brief discussion, the motion was made by Charles Casey and seconded by Ken Neuburger to approve the map contingent on receiving no additional significant comments prior to the September 15 comment period deadline. The motion was approved unanimously.

Natural Gas Compressor Station – Jake Welsh provided a brief update on the status of the land development plan proposal discussed at the last meeting, restating that though the County has the approval authority for land development plans in Elk Creek Twp, the PA Oil & Gas Act (Act 13) regulations generally supersede local regulations, and in this case, since Elk Creek Twp does not have an adopted zoning ordinance, the location of the proposed compressor station cannot be controlled locally, as long as it meets the development standards and regulations of Act 13. Jake stated that the final plan will need to meet any applicable specifications of the Erie County SALDO prior to being signed by the county, including documentation of all required permits.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Erie County CDBG Section 3 Plan – Jake provided an overview of the updated CDBG Section 3 Plan, restating that the purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by CDBG financial assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low and very-low income persons. Jake also indicated that the County’s current policies and practices have already been in compliance with Section 3 standards, and that that the plan update is being done to incorporate current/updated language from HUD.

Gerry Dahl asked for a motion to approve the plan and recommend adoption by County Council, and asked if there were any questions or discussion on the motion. After brief discussion, the motion was made by Jim Cardman and seconded by Flory Kondzielski to approve the plan. The motion was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Municipal Reports –

Ken Neuburger gave an update on two bridge projects in McKean Township; the Rick Rd bridge deck has been poured, and one of the two tube floors has been poured on the Oliver Rd bridge.

Jim Cardman reported on the former Flowers Marina property in Fairview Township; the old marina walls have been removed along the shoreline allowing for the natural beach to reestablish.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.