



COUNTY OF ERIE

Erie County Planning Commission

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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

September 9, 2010

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 9, 2010 at the Erie County Conservation District office, 1927 Wager Road, Erie PA.

Those in attendance were:

ECPC members:	Representing:
Gerry Dahl	Corry City (Chair, Exec. Board)
Jan Cornwell	Erie County (Vice-Chair, Exec. Board)
Charles Casey	Erie City (Exec. Board)
Paul Pangratz	Girard Township (Exec. Board)
Rick Allgeier	Greene Township (Exec. Board)
Joe Legnasky	Lake City Borough (Exec. Board)
Laura Breon	Waterford Borough (Exec. Board)
Jeff Eaton	Springfield Township
Flory Kondzielski	Waterford Township
Planning Department Staff:	
Jake Welsh	
Guests:	
Earl Brown	Erie County Conservation District
Brandon Pratt	Fairview Township

Executive Board members present – 7 of 9; quorum attained

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

APPROVAL OF August 12, 2010 MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS

Erie County SALDO Update

Jake Welsh provided an update on the status of the proposed SALDO. The SALDO was adopted by County Council on August 17 at their regular meeting. A notice of the adoption and copies of the ordinance have been sent to all Erie County municipalities. A copy of the adopted ordinance is available on the department website, law library, and ECDP office. Jake also noted that a template version of the ordinance is being prepared for use as a municipally adopted ordinance, and thanked the members again for their participation and contributions toward preparing the SALDO.

Erie County Stormwater Management Plan

Jake Welsh provided an update on the status of the Stormwater Management Plan update process. A public hearing was held on September 7th before Erie County Council prior to their regular meeting. Adoption of the plan was tabled at the County Council meeting to allow for follow-ups to comments heard at the hearing. Plan adoption will likely not be revisited until November, after further coordination and outreach has occurred.

As noted the previous month, ECDP has successfully partnered with Crawford, Warren and Venango Counties to obtain grant funding through DCNR's Greenways Block Grant program for additional education and public outreach related to the plan. In addition, ECDP and the plan consultant are preparing more detailed proposed solutions for the identified stormwater problem areas located throughout the County, and to conduct an additional training workshop for municipal officials. It is anticipated that at least one municipal workshop will be held prior to presentation of the plan to County Council for possible adoption. A copy of the draft plan and model ordinance is available on the department website and ECDP office.

FEMA Flood Map Update

There was further discussion regarding the ongoing miscommunication issues from FEMA and DCED to the municipalities surrounding this project. Jake stated that the ECDP staff has made several attempts to contact DCED and FEMA representatives to request clarification of the current status of the map/ordinance update process and municipal ordinance adoption requirements. The information received is still not very clear, but the tentative schedule appears to be final FEMA approval of the new maps by

early 2011, at which time all municipalities are supposed to be in a position to have an updated ordinance consistent with DCED's model ordinance either adopted or ready to be adopted. Jake suggested that the municipal officials comply with DCED's request to submit a draft floodplain ordinance to them for their review, even though the ordinance adoption requirement appears to be months away.

Erie County Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Jake Welsh provided a brief update on the project, stating that a project kick-off meeting was held on August 19th to discuss the strategy and schedule for the year-long project, and that data collection and stakeholder meetings are beginning. Gerry Dahl suggested that this item remain on the planning commission agenda for ongoing discussion and input while the project is underway. Jake agreed and brought up the land use planning aspects of the transportation plan, such as impacts from the inland port project, that will need to be considered, and noted that the planning commission's participation and input will be an important component of developing recommendations for the plan.

NEW BUSINESS

ECDP Monthly Activity Report

No additional report was provided.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

A presentation from Earl Brown, Executive Director of the Conservation District, followed; outlining many of the ECCD activities. He then hosted a tour of Headwaters Park. (Thank you, Earl!)