



**COUNTY OF ERIE**

**Erie County Planning Commission**

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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**October 14, 2010**

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, October 14, 2010 in the **Admiral Room** at the **Raymond M. Blasco Memorial Library**, 160 East Front Street, Erie PA.

**Those in attendance were:**

| <b>ECPC members:</b>              | <b>Representing:</b>                  |
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| 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)         |
| Joe Legnasky                      | Lake City Borough (Exec. Board)       |
| Laura Breon                       | Waterford Borough (Exec. Board)       |
| Ed Williams                       | Erie City                             |
| Patricia Pfadt                    | Venango Township                      |
| Flory Kondzielski                 | Waterford Township                    |
| Mark Sander                       | Wayne Township                        |
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| <b>Planning Department Staff:</b> |                                       |
| Jake Welsh                        |                                       |
|                                   |                                       |
| <b>Guests:</b>                    |                                       |
| Brandon Pratt                     | Fairview Township                     |
|                                   |                                       |

Executive Board members present – 6 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 September 9, 2010 MINUTES

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

## OLD BUSINESS

### Erie County Stormwater Management Plan

Jake Welsh provided an update on the status of the Stormwater Management Plan update process. A copy of the draft plan and model ordinance is available on the department website and ECDP office. As noted the previous month, ECDP and the plan consultant are preparing more detailed proposed solutions for the identified stormwater problem areas located throughout the County, and are conducting an additional training workshop for municipal officials, which has been scheduled for November 3 at the ECCD office. The workshop will focus on applying the model ordinance from the plan to real development examples and demonstrating the administrative review process to the municipal officials in attendance. Plan adoption will likely not be revisited until December, after further coordination and outreach has occurred.

In addition, Crawford County extended an invitation to Erie County to an October 27 BMP workshop in Meadville to discuss and illustrate stormwater best management practices. 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, which will result in at least one more additional workshop being held in Erie County in the coming months.

### FEMA Flood Map Update

There was a reiteration of the discussion regarding the ongoing communications between FEMA, DCED and the municipalities surrounding this project. No new information has been shared recently. 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 stated that Mike Baker from the ECDP staff is attending a conference on October 26 to hear from DCED and FEMA representatives on the current status of the map/ordinance update process and municipal ordinance adoption requirements.

### Erie County Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Jake Welsh and Gerry Dahl provided a brief update on the project, stating that data collection and project stakeholder meetings are underway. Jake thought that a presentation to the ECPC on the ongoing activities would be good after further tasks have been completed, possibly at the December or January meeting. It was reiterated that this

item will remain on the planning commission agenda for ongoing discussion and input while the project is underway.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### October 20 Blight Summit

Jake reminded the group about the upcoming event/presentation in Edinboro and discussed the agenda of speakers and topics. All were encouraged to attend.

### ECDP Monthly Activity Report

Members were reminded that the CDBG project application review and ranking was scheduled for next month's meeting. The meeting will be at the Conservation District office on November 4<sup>th</sup> and will begin at 6:00 pm. All applications are being sent to the ECPC members prior to the meeting for preliminary review.

### ECPC Membership

Jake indicated that per the bylaws several member's terms will be expiring at the end of the year, and that letters will be sent to the individual representative and the municipality also notifying them of the term expiration and requirement to appoint/reappoint a member to a new term.

It was also noted that a nominating committee would be appointed at the November meeting to select members for the 2011 Executive Board. Gerry asked members to consider serving on the nominating committee and to contact him if interested.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### Subdivision by Deed

There was brief discussion regarding a couple examples of the how the subdivision by deed issue is now being handled by the related county offices and municipalities via the updated County policy.

### Edinboro Well Drilling

There was brief discussion regarding geothermal wells being drilled in Edinboro (for the university?) and concerns over potential impacts to the municipal wells / public water supply.

### Pennsylvania Planning Association Northwest Section (NW PPA) fall workshop

Jake informed the group about the upcoming event/workshop being held by the NW PPA in Titusville on October 29, with a focus on downtown revitalization issues, and encouraged the executive board members to attend if available.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.