



COUNTY OF ERIE

Erie County Planning Commission

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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

October 13, 2011

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at **6:30 PM** on **Thursday, October 13, 2011** in the **Admiral Room** at the **Raymond M. Blasco Memorial Library**, 160 East Front Street, Erie PA.

Those in attendance were:

ECPC members:	Representing:
Gerry Dahl	Corry City (Chair, Exec. Board)
Jan Cornwell	Erie County (Vice-Chair, Exec. Board)
Carol Loll	Erie County Council (Exec. Board)
Charles Casey	Erie City (Exec. Board)
Paul Pangratz	Girard Twp (Exec. Board)
Richard Allgeier	Greene Twp (Exec. Board)
Joe Legnasky	Lake City Boro (Exec. Board)
Patricia Pfadt	Venango Twp (Exec. Board)
Ed Williams	Erie City
Jim Cardman	Fairview Twp
Ken Neuburger	McKean Twp
Flory Kondzielski	Waterford Twp
Pete Nye	Wesleyville Boro
Planning Department Staff:	
Jake Welsh	
Guests:	

Executive Board members present – 8 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 8, 2011 MINUTES

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

NEW BUSINESS

ECDP Monthly Activity Report

Jake Welsh indicated that the Erie County Department of Planning's Monthly Activity Report was attached to the meeting agenda, and asked if anyone had any questions or additional information to add. Jake also discussed items from the report in more detail:

Coastal Zone Management Program – Jake noted that nine FFY2011 CZM applications were recently awarded grants by NOAA (description of the projects is in the report), which totaled close to \$380,000, and also reminded that the application period for 2012-2014 Coastal Zone grants which opened August 19, 2011 was closing October 17.

National Scenic Byway Program – Jake noted that a notification of award was received on September 28 for three projects that were submitted for 2011 NSBP funding: an Agricultural Conservation Easement in Fairview Twp - \$434,000, Shorewood Beach Property Acquisition in Harborcreek Twp - \$460,000, and Teker Park Gateway in Lawrence Park Twp - \$156,100. Also funded, through the Erie MPO and PennDOT TE funds - Great Lakes Seaway Trail Signage throughout the corridor - \$10,000.

OLD BUSINESS

Erie County Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Jake Welsh stated that the evaluation criteria and performance measures were finalized to prioritize the candidate projects. Three scenarios, consisting of sets of candidate improvement projects, were evaluated and presented, and a preferred scenario was selected and approved by the MPO Technical Advisory Committee on October 12. The scenario chosen focused more investment in operational improvements to the transportation system, primarily toward traffic signal system enhancements and congested intersection improvements. Drafts of plan sections area being prepared for approval, which will be followed by a public comment period prior to MPO adoption, tentatively by December.

Erie County Local Bridge Inspection Program

Jake Welsh provided an update on the local bridge inspection program, noting that final inspection reports for the previous rounds of inspections, done in 2010 and early 2011, were being approved by PennDOT, and that copies were being sent out. Jake also noted that there were no changes with the status of the 2011/2012 round of inspections (originally scheduled for Jan/Feb of 2012), which were moved up to the summer/fall of 2011; they began in mid-July and should be completed by mid-October on all of the approximately 100 locally owned, over twenty foot long bridges in Erie County.

HUD SCRP Grant Application

Jake Welsh informed the members that the ECDP / County of Erie is serving as the lead applicant and facilitator for a regional consortium to apply for HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program funding. The funding will be used to prepare a 'Regional Plan for Sustainable Development'. The required pre-application was submitted and accepted by HUD August 25th. The full application was submitted October 6, 2011 for \$2,000,000 to prepare the regional plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.