



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, March 14, 2013** at **Fort LeBoeuf High School (cafeteria)**, 931 North High Street, Waterford, PA. (see attached map)

Please note the location and early start time. This is to accommodate ECPC member attendance to the ECATO school sessions.

- AGENDA -

- I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Hearing of the Public
- III. Approval of the February 7, 2013 Minutes (attached)
- IV. New Business
 - A. Act 13 Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee - Legacy Fund Revenues
 - B. ECDP Monthly Activity Report (attached)
- V. Old Business
 - A. Erie Inland Port Project – Redevelopment Area Resolution
 - B. 2013 ECPC Members – New Term Appointments
- VI. Other Business
 - A. Municipal Reports
- VII. Adjournment

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS: PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE



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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

March 14, 2013

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at **Fort LeBoeuf High School**, 931 North High Street, Waterford, PA.

Those in attendance were:

ECPC members:	Representing:
Gerry Dahl	Corry City (Chair, Exec. Board)
Carol Loll	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)
Flory Kondzielski	Waterford Twp (Exec. Board)
Darrel Kimmy	Amity Twp
Ed Kissell	County
Edward DiMattio	County Council
William Taylor	Elk Creek Twp
Jim Cardman	Fairview Twp
William Lawry	Greenfield Twp
Mark Kukla	Lawrence Park Twp
Ken Neuburger	McKean Twp
Planning Department Staff:	
John McGranor	
Guests:	
Vicki Wintemute	Elk Creek Twp
Dennis C. Wade	Elk Creek Twp
Jack Stull	Waterford Twp
Michael Fuhrman	Destination Erie
Cynthia Proctor	Venango Twp

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

Waterford Township Supervisor, Jack Stull, expressed concerns about a lack of adequate funding needed to hold a fireworks event at the Waterford fairgrounds. According to Jack, only \$30,000 has been collected to date. Due to an anticipated large number of spectators, additional funding may be needed for security, waste management, etc.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 7, 2013 MINUTES

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

NEW BUSINESS

Act 13 Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee – Legacy Fund

John McGranor announced that Erie County has received its share of 2011 Act 13 fees attributed to the Marcellus Legacy Fund. This funding is separated into 2 categories, consisting of approximately \$396,000 under the Highway Bridge Improvement Restricted Account and \$238,032 for Greenways and Open Space. Under Section 2315 of the Act, the Highway Bridge Improvement Account funding received by the county is “to be distributed to fund the cost of the replacement or repair of locally owned at-risk deteriorated bridges”, and the Greenways and Open Space funding is intended for “the planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, natural areas, community conservation and beautification projects, community and heritage parks and water resource management.”

ECDP is currently working with County officials to establish procedures for the administration of these funds. ECDP will provide ECPC with additional details as they become available.

ECDP Monthly Activity Report

The ECDP Monthly Activity Report was provided with the meeting notice.

John McGranor noted that the next round of public meetings for Destination Erie: A Regional Vision is planned for May 7th and 8th. Michael Fuhrman added that tentative meeting locations will be in Girard, Waterford, Lawrence Park and the City of Erie. The

intent is to geographically distribute these meetings throughout the county so that as many citizens as possible will have an opportunity to participate.

John McGranor reported that the Commonwealth has budgeted \$33 million state-wide in 2013 for the Farmland Preservation Program. This is an increase from the \$24 million budgeted in 2012. Erie County's allocation of these funds is \$495,610 for 2013, up from \$367,542 in 2012. Erie County typically receives approximately 1.5% of the Commonwealth's state-wide allocation.

OLD BUSINESS

Erie Inland Port Project –Redevelopment Area Resolution

On February 7, 2013 ECPC adopted a resolution designating and certifying an area within Erie County as a "Redevelopment Area" under the Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law. The area included portions of Conneaut Township, Elk Creek Township, Cranesville and Albion. The resolution was needed to support the Erie Inland Port Project, and had been requested by David Brennan from the Economic Development Corporation.

A copy of the adopted resolution has been forwarded to the Economic Development Corporation.

It was noted that that passage of the resolution was a preliminary step necessary to allow further exploration and consideration of a T.I.F. by the affected tax bodies, including the municipalities, school district and County government. The resolution by ECPC was not a final approval of a T.I.F., and is not binding. The municipal governing bodies and school districts will ultimately have the final approval authority.

2013 ECPC Members – New Term Appointments

John McGranor stated that all the new term appointments have been received. Most municipalities retained their current representatives. New appointees include William Kuhn (Platea) and Edward DiMattio (County Council). Mark Kukla added that he will be the new representative for Lawrence Park Township.

OTHER BUSINESS

Municipal Reports

ECGRA has awarded \$346,648 in Municipal Collaboration grants. Grantees included Erie Area Council of Governments, Fairview Township (Millfair Compost & Recycling Center), and West Erie County Emergency Management Agency (emergency equipment), among others.

Edward DiMattio indicated that Jake Welsh has been in consultation with PennDOT concerning the \$396,000 received from the Act 13 Highway Bridge Improvement Restricted Account.

Carol Loll stated that water and sewer projects related to Pleasant Ridge Manor and PHB are progressing. She also announced the hiring of Kevin Sutter as the new deputy warden.

Carol expressed concerns about the McKee Road and Sanford Road bridges. They are in poor condition, and funding is limited. In her opinion, PennDOT appears to prefer removal of the bridges, rather than repair/replacement. The recently damaged Route 98 bridge is apparently structurally sound, and will be repaired.

John McGranor passed along a meeting notice received from Mayor Joseph E. Sinnott. A meeting will be held with Barry Schoch, the Secretary of Transportation, on Thursday, March 28th at 1:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Manufacturer and Business Association. Interested parties are encouraged to attend. It was noted that this is a revised meeting date. The meeting had been originally scheduled for March 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.