



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 on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the Admiral Room at the Raymond M. Blasco, M.D. Memorial Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie PA

- AGENDA -

- I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Hearing of the Public
- III. Approval of the March 14, 2013 Minutes (attached)
- IV. New Business
 - A. ECDP Monthly Activity Report (attached)
- V. Old Business
 - A. Act 13 - Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee – Marcellus Legacy Fund
- 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**

April 11, 2013

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the Admiral Room at the Raymond M. Blasco, M.D. Memorial Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie PA.

Those in attendance were:

ECPC members:	Representing:
Gerry Dahl	Corry City (Chair, Exec. Board)
Jan Cornwell	County (Vice-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)
Ed Kissell	County
William Taylor	Elk Creek Twp
Jim Cardman	Fairview Twp
Mark Kukla	Lawrence Park Twp
Kurt Lichtenfeld	North East Twp
Planning Department Staff:	
Jake Welsh	
Guests:	

Executive Board members present – 9 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

Ed Kissell informed the group that an application submitted by several municipalities to the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority for upgrades to the traffic signal emergency pre-emption equipment (RELCO) at various intersections in the Erie urban area was denied. It was noted that the County has committed up to \$100,000 as a one to one match for other dollars obtained by the municipalities to repair / upgrade the system.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 14, 2013 MINUTES

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

NEW BUSINESS

ECDP Monthly Activity Report

The ECDP Monthly Activity Report was provided with the meeting notice, and Jake asked if there were any specific questions or comments. There was follow-up discussion regarding the Farmland Preservation Program, with clarification of the easement purchase program being provided.

There was discussion of electronics disposal and collection regulations, which recently changed in PA to not allow these items to be landfilled anymore. Several members mentioned that they heard there were companies contacting municipalities offering free disposal of these items if collected by the municipality. Jake indicated he would check with Don Blakesley, Recycling Coordinator, to verify the companies in question and report back to the members.

OLD BUSINESS

Act 13 Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee – Marcellus Legacy Fund

Jake distributed a handout that described the Act 13 impact fee revenues being allocated to Counties from the Marcellus Legacy Fund. The funding coming to Erie County is in two subprogram categories, with approximately \$238,000 for Greenways and Open Space projects, and \$396,000 from the Highway Bridge Improvement Restricted Account. 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”. The Highway Bridge Improvement Account funding is “to be distributed to fund the cost of the replacement or repair of locally owned at-risk deteriorated bridges”.

Jake reiterated that ECDP is continuing to work with PennDOT staff to determine eligible activities and establish guidelines and procedures for distributing funds to local bridge

projects, and is also working with County officials to finalize procedures for the administration of the greenways funds. ECDP has prepared a draft application and application guidance, and is finalizing criteria for application periods, eligible applicants, match requirements, and project evaluation and selection processes. ECDP will continue to provide ECPC with additional details as they become available.

OTHER BUSINESS

Municipal Reports

There was discussion regarding local road maintenance and need for additional dedicated funding sources. It was noted that this issue was brought to the attention of the Secretary of Transportation during his recent visit to Erie in March.

Other

There was discussion of the National Scenic Byways Program which has provided funds in the past for corridor enhancements along the Great Lakes Seaway Trail (generally Rte. 5) in Erie County. It was noted that the Federal program was defunded in the latest transportation legislation.

Jake noted that the next round of public meetings for Destination Erie: A Regional Vision is planned for May 7th and 8th in Girard, Waterford, Lawrence Park and the City of Erie. A handout was distributed at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.