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MEETING NOTICE

A regular meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the **Fairview Township Municipal Building**, 7471 McCray Road, Fairview PA.

- AGENDA -

- I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Hearing of the Public
- III. Approval of the April 11, 2013 Minutes (attached)
- IV. ECDP Monthly Activity Report (attached)
- V. Old Business
 - A. Act 13 - Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee – Marcellus Legacy Fund (overview attached)
 - B. Electronics Recycling
- VI. New Business
- VII. Other Business
 - A. Municipal Reports
- VIII. Adjournment

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



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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

May 9, 2013

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the Fairview Township Municipal Building, 7471 McCray Road, Fairview PA.

Those in attendance were:

| ECPC members: | Representing: |
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| Gerry Dahl | Corry City (Chair, Exec. Board) |
| Jan Cornwell | County (Vice-Chair, Exec. Board) |
| Charles Casey | Erie City (Exec. Board) |
| Paul Pangratz | Girard Twp (Exec. Board) |
| Joe Legnasky | Lake City Boro (Exec. Board) |
| Patricia Pfadt | Venango Twp (Exec. Board) |
| Flory Kondzielski | Waterford Twp (Exec. Board) |
| William Taylor | Elk Creek Twp |
| Jim Cardman | Fairview Twp |
| William Van Volkenburg | North East Boro |
| Kurt Lichtenfeld | North East Twp |
| William Kuhn | Platea Boro |
| Peter Nye | Wesleyville Boro |
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| Planning Department Staff: | |
| Jake Welsh | |
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| Guests: | |
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Executive Board members present – 7 of 9; quorum attained

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Gerry Dahl called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was given. Gerry thanked the township on behalf of the members for their hospitality in hosting the meeting and providing food and refreshments.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 11, 2013 MINUTES

A motion was made by Joe Legnasky and seconded by Jan Cornwell 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. Jake gave brief updates on several areas in the report, including the Destination Erie Plan workshops held earlier in the week, the Solid Waste Plan update, and the Natural Heritage Inventory update.

Destination Erie Plan – Metroquest survey / workshop

There was additional follow up discussion on the recent Destination Erie workshops, and members were asked if they were interested in participating in the survey / workshop exercise at an ECPC meeting. Jake was asked to contact the Destination Erie reps to ask if they can facilitate the workshop for the ECPC's next (June) meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Act 13 Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee – Marcellus Legacy Fund

Jake reviewed a handout sent with the meeting notice describing Act 13 well drilling impact fee revenues being allocated to Counties. Act 13 of 2012, the Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee, authorized the Commonwealth to impose drilling impact fees on unconventional gas well producers in Pennsylvania. The fee revenues are collected and distributed annually to state agencies, counties and municipalities based on formula allocations. Erie County now receives two annual distributions that are dedicated to specific programs; Greenways (trails, open space, conservation, beautification, parks); and At-Risk Bridge (replacement or repair of municipal/locally owned deteriorated bridges). The County has the discretion to allocate the funds to eligible projects (Erie County does not own any parks or bridges).

Erie County Greenways Program – Act 13 funding for greenways, recreational trails, open space, natural areas, community conservation and beautification, parks and water resource management projects. Jake noted that ECDP finalized the Erie County Greenways Program application and guidelines, and funding requests were solicited in April (twenty-six applications were received by May 13). ECDP will review and evaluate the project applications and make preliminary funding recommendations. Schedule for awarding of funds has not been determined.

Erie County At-Risk Bridge Program – Act 13 funding to repair and/or replace structurally deficient locally-owned (municipal) bridges. Jake noted that ECDP has developed the Erie County At-Risk Bridge Program application and guidelines, and will finalizing them after meeting with PENNDOT to review. A memo announcing the program will be mailed to each of Erie County’s 38 municipalities. The program will be open year round. Projects will be evaluated as they are submitted and awarded as funding is available.

Also discussed was whether there are model regulations for gas well site development, which Jake indicated would be regulated under each municipality’s Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). There was also discussion of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations, and concerns over regulation of their development, and existence of hazard mitigation provisions / safety plans.

Electronics Recycling

Members discussed the ongoing electronics recycling events being held at the municipal and county levels. Several municipalities are sponsoring collection events with services being provided by certified companies to dispose of the items. Most are free of charge to the residents. ECDP checked with PADEP on the status of the companies being used, and the process to follow if any municipalities are interested in offering an event locally. ECDP then sent the information out to municipalities via e-mail.

There was also discussion of changing solid waste regulations, and the impacts to municipalities for handling waste, and also to county-sponsored programs. Municipalities were encouraged to participate in the Solid Waste Plan update to assist in its development.

OTHER BUSINESS

Municipal Reports

There was discussion regarding the FEMA floodzone maps still under review for Erie County and other counties across PA. The latest tentative effective date for the new maps for Erie County is May 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.