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MEETING NOTICE

A regular meeting of the **Erie County Planning Commission** will be held at **6:00 PM** on **Thursday, August 8, 2013** at the **Erie County Conservation District office**, 1927 Wager Road, Erie PA.

Please note the earlier start time –

Also – Weather permitting, we will be having a light picnic in the park pavilion located behind the main office, so bring a little appetite with you. Please park behind the main office in the rear parking lot.

- AGENDA -

- I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Hearing of the Public
- III. Approval of the June 13, 2013 Minutes (attached)
- IV. ECDP Monthly Activity Report (attached)
- V. Old Business
 - A. Destination Erie Plan – Metroquest survey - group workshop / exercise
- 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**

August 8, 2013

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Erie County Conservation District, 1927 Wager Road, Erie PA.

Those in attendance were:

ECPC members:	Representing:
Gerry Dahl	Corry (Chair, Exec. Board)
Jan Cornwell	County (Vice-Chair, Exec. Board)
Charles Casey	Erie City (Exec. Board)
Joe Legnasky	Lake City Boro (Exec. Board)
Patricia Pfadt	Venango Twp (Exec. Board)
Ed Kissell	County
Jim Cardman	Fairview Twp
William Van Volkenburg	North East Boro
William Kuhn	Platea Boro
Peter Nye	Wesleyville Boro
Planning Department Staff:	
Jake Welsh	
Guests:	
Earl Brown	Erie County Conservation District
Nathan Miller	Fairview Twp

Executive Board members present – 5 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

Gerry Dahl thanked Earl and the Conservation District for hosting the meeting.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 13, 2013 MINUTES

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

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 updates and there was discussion on a number of areas in the report, including the solid waste management plan update, the CZM boundary expansion listening sessions from June, CDBG funding and schedule, the recycling convenience center, transportation planning activities and great lakes seaway trail projects.

Solid Waste Management Plan update – the next SWAC meeting is being scheduled for September.

CZM boundary expansion – June listening sessions were well attended, comments were varied, most people are not familiar with the CZM program.

CDBG funding and schedule – FY2013 funding was just announced, levels are slightly higher than last year, so awarded project amounts were not affected. The final public hearing for the FY2013 program will be held September 3. The schedule for soliciting, reviewing and awarding FY2014 projects is undetermined due to the Federal budget not being approved yet, but will likely be a few months behind.

Recycling Convenience Center – activity has been declining at the center, the service will need to be evaluated for possible modifications for next year. Other services for collecting E-waste and HHW materials are becoming more available and utilized locally.

Transportation planning activities – the Transportation Improvement Program update process has begun, to prioritize highway, bridge and transit projects for funding over the next four years. All municipalities will be asked to identify transportation issues in their community, such as proposed improvements to locally-owned bridges, traffic signals and local federal aid routes. The next round of bridge inspections for local bridges has begun, and the traffic signal inventory project will be kicking off soon as well. All municipalities will be notified when the inspectors are coming to their community.

Great Lakes Seaway Trail – two projects were recently completed, the installation of approximately 100 new Seaway Trail trailblazer and America's Byways signs along the route, and installation of two War of 1812 interpretive panels on the bayfront.

OLD BUSINESS

Destination Erie Plan – Metroquest survey results

The Destination Erie Phase II survey results were discussed. A handout of the results of the ECPC exercise held in June was reviewed, comparing the ECPC session results with the overall results to date at that time. The updated Phase II public workshop results were also discussed, which included an overview of the community engagement process used and how many people participated, and the results of the vision themes and future growth and investment scenarios prioritization. The next steps for the project are to finalize the Erie Region Vision Report and preferred growth and investment scenario report, for presentation to the consortium members and public at the next round of public workshops.

NEW BUSINESS

Earl Brown, Director of the Erie County Conservation District (ECCD) provided an overview of current ECCD activities, including ongoing grants, projects and other events at the facility. Projects/activities discussed included the County-Wide Stream Study for School Students, Headwaters Park Trail Remediation, Master Gardeners Pumpkin Walk, and Cascade Creek Stream Bank Stabilization.

OTHER BUSINESS

Charles Casey thanked Jake for providing the food.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.