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MEETING NOTICE

A regular meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, September 12, 2013 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 August 8, 2013 Minutes (attached)
- IV. ECDP Monthly Activity Report (attached)
- V. Old Business
- 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**

September 12, 2013

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, September 12, 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 (Chair, Exec. Board)
Jan Cornwell	County (Vice-Chair, Exec. Board)
Charles Casey	Erie City (Exec. Board)
Richard Allgeier	Greene Twp (Exec. Board)
Joe Legnasky	Lake City Boro (Exec. Board)
Flory Kondzielski	Waterford Twp (Exec. Board)
Ed Kissell	County
Terry Bowersox	Cranesville Boro
Jim Cardman	Fairview Twp
Mark Kulka	Lawrence Park Twp
Kenneth Neuburger	McKean Twp
Kurt Lichtenfeld	North East Twp
Planning Department Staff:	
Jake Welsh	
Guests:	
Nathan Miller	Fairview Twp

Executive Board members present – 6 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 mentioned that Millcreek Twp, on behalf of five municipalities, is submitting an application to the County for funds to match \$100,000 being committed locally for repairs/improvements to the RELCO emergency pre-emption traffic signal system.

Ed also mentioned there was a media event earlier in the day announcing plans to run an underground power line across Lake Erie from Canada to PA in Erie County, which also involves construction of a power converter station in Erie County as well. Jake indicated he would inquire on inviting a representative from the Economic Development Corporation of Erie County (EDC) to speak to the ECPC at an upcoming meeting and provide updates to related ongoing activities such as the Erie Inland Port initiative.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 8, 2013 MINUTES

A motion was made by Jan Cornwell and seconded by Charles Casey 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 and recycling activity, farmland preservation, and CZM boundary expansion.

Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan update – A SWAC meeting was held September 5. Results of waste disposal analysis were discussed. Residential recycling stats for Erie County are good for most materials, commercial recycling rates are below average. About half of municipalities have responded to survey to gather municipal waste handling program info, still gathering remaining surveys. Recommendations for County and Municipal officials will be developed as more statistics are being gathered and analyzed regarding recyclable materials being generated in Erie County and existing programs / services to handle those materials.

Agricultural Land Preservation Program – Four (4) farms totaling approximately 650 acres are currently in the easement purchase process; various activities are underway including property surveys, and market and farmland value appraisals. This will bring the total to fifty-nine (59) farms preserved in Erie County totaling over 7,500 acres.

CZM boundary expansion – A representative from PA DEP's CZM program would like to do an informational presentation to the ECPC, possibly at the November meeting.

Affordable Housing (Act 137) Program – The 2014 applications and notice will be prepared for advertisement and distribution sometime in October.

OLD BUSINESS

Recycling – Gerry Dahl noted that Corry will be hosting an e-waste collection/recycling event over a two day period. There will be no cost to the residents.

FEMA floodmap update – Municipal representatives verified that a formal notice was sent by DCED to all Erie County municipalities in August indicating that the effective date for the new maps has been established (February 19, 2014). A recap of the map update process, which started in 2009, was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Erie County Comprehensive Plan – Land Use Map Update – Jake reviewed the proposed process ECDP will be initiating to update the Land Use Map from the 2003 Erie County Comprehensive Plan. Jake indicated a memo is being prepared to send out to all municipalities informing them of the map update effort, providing background information on the need for map updates and explaining the update methodology (see attached). Members discussed input and suggestions on communicating and collaborating with municipal officials to review and validate any proposed map changes. Jake also indicated the memo would be sent to the Erie County code enforcement officers association. Jim Cardman noted that the association is meeting the following week, and it could be brought up for discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ken Neuburger from McKean Twp reported that the Rick Road bridge replacement project is moving ahead, with a tentative let date set for March 2014.

Charles Casey reported that the Norman Way bridge replacement project is still ongoing, with a tentative completion date of November 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.