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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
 MEETING MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 21st, 2008

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 21st, 2008 in the Admiral Room at the Raymond M. Blasco Memorial Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie, PA.

Those in attendance were:	Representing:
Mark Corey	Girard Borough (Chair, Exec. Board)
Gerry Dahl	City of Corry (Vice-Chair, Exec. Board)
Charles Casey	City of Erie (Exec. Board)
Eric Legenzoff	Elk Creek Township (Exec. Board)
Richard Allgeier	Greene Township (Exec. Board)
Joseph Legnasky	Lake City Borough (Exec. Board)
Rustin Peters	Mill Village Borough (Exec. Board)
Darrell Kimmy	Amity Township
Carol Loll	Erie County Council
David Mitchell	Erie County Council
Joseph Giles	Erie County Council
Phil Fatica	Erie County Council
Jan Cornwell	County
Jill M. Gibson	Elgin Borough
Jim Cardman	Fairview Township
Paul Pangratz	Girard Township
Dean S. Pepicello	Harborcreek Township
Mark S. Tomcho	Union Township
Jake Welsh	ECDP

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Mark Corey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

No public comments were heard.

County Council members present were welcomed, and introduced.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 13, 2007 MINUTES

Mr. Corey asked the members if there were any comments on or corrections to the December 13, 2007 minutes, and called for a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was made by Charles Casey, seconded by Joseph Legnasky, and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Eric Legenzoff provided an overview of the nominating committee report to the Commission. The committee recommended the following members be re-appointed to the ECPC Executive Board:

Richard Allgeier	Eric Legenzoff
Charles S. Casey	Joe Legnasky
Mark Corey	Carol Loll
Gerry E. Dahl	Rustin Peters

The committee recommended Mark Proper be replaced by Jan Cornwell.

The committee recommended Mark Corey continue to serve as Chairperson and Gerry Dahl as Vice-Chairperson.

A motion was made by Dean Pepicello and seconded by Eric Legenzoff to approve the recommendations from the nominating committee. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS / HOT TOPICS

SIXMILE CREEK PARK

Mr. Welsh provided a brief status report on the possible transfer of the park to Harborcreek Township. Jake stated that as long as the park remains as a public recreation area, there are no foreseen obstacles to the possible transfer. Mr. Pepicello reiterated the township's desire to add the property to their park system. Discussion followed about the merits of the transfer to the township.

GAMING REVENUE DISTRIBUTION

Councilman Giles provided an overview on the current status of the lawsuit between the County and Summit Township regarding the distribution of gaming revenues from Presque Isle Downs. Mr. Giles also discussed the development of the County's proposals for distributing the funds, and mentioned establishing funding programs for infrastructure and housing projects.

Councilman Mitchell spoke about other concepts considered such as the revolving loan fund, and also spoke briefly about related tax reforms at the State level.

There was also discussion regarding the Township Association distribution concept that was presented for the County's consideration, and the merits of giving the municipalities the ability to define what is the best use of the gaming funds for their communities.

PROPERTY REASSESSMENT

Joe Legnasky asked council members for an update on the County's plans for property reassessment. Councilman Giles briefly discussed the current plans for the next cycle of reassessments, which involved utilizing the current staff in the Assessment Office. Joe Giles suggested inviting county reassessment staff to a future ECPC meeting to present more details on the reassessment process.

Jim Cardman brought up the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) ordinance that many municipalities opted out on, noting the negative effect on whether new assessments are being done in a timely manner after improvements have been made to a property. Discussion followed on how to improve the reporting process.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. ECDP Report

The ECDP status report was distributed.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next ECPC meeting will be on Thursday, March 13th, 2008.