



COUNTY OF ERIE

Erie County Planning Commission

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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

September 11, 2008

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 11, 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)
Jan Cornwell	County of Erie (Exec. Board)
Richard Allgeier	Greene Township (Exec. Board)
Joseph Legnasky	Lake City Borough (Exec. Board)
Paul Pangratz	Girard Township
Dean Pepicello	Harborcreek Township
Patricia Pfadt	Venango Township
Laura Breon	Waterford Borough
Mark Sander	Wayne Township
Jake Welsh	Erie County Planning Department
John Morgan	Erie County Planning Department

Executive Board members present – 6 of 9; quorum attained

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

No public comments were heard.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 14, 2008 MINUTES

A motion was made by Jan Cornwell and seconded by Joe Legnasky to approve the August 14th, 2008 minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Laura Breon from Waterford Borough reported that the rural recycling drop-off site located in Waterford Borough has been a tremendous success. However, the site often appears quite disorderly (i.e. overflowing recycling bins, recyclables scattered about the site, etc.) due to the inconsistent and infrequent collection schedule. Laura expressed concern that the property owner hosting the site may become dissatisfied and/or resident participation may dwindle if this problem is not addressed. Erie County Recycling Coordinator Don Blakesley will be contacted regarding this issue.

Dean Pepicello from Harborcreek Township updated the Commission on the status of the County's offer to transfer ownership of Sixmile Creek Park to Harborcreek Township. Although negotiations may continue, Harborcreek Township officials cannot accept certain proposed County-imposed restrictions regarding mineral and timber rights.

NEW BUSINESS

A. US 6N Corridor Land Use and Transportation Study Presentation

Erie County Transportation Planner John Morgan made a presentation to the Commission regarding the US 6N Corridor Land Use and Transportation Study. The study area runs from I-79 through the Borough of Edinboro. The Commission members enjoyed the insightful presentation and the discussion that followed.

B. Statewide Smoking Ban

Gerry Dahl of the City of Corry observed that the new legislation pertaining to the statewide smoking ban imposed requirements for the posting of signs in public buildings, which seemed burdensome. A brief discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. ECDP Status Report

It was noted that the monthly status report was mailed out with the ECPC meeting notice and minutes, and members were asked for any comments/questions. Jake Welsh briefly highlighted various ongoing activities.

B. Municipal Report

Mark Corey observed that the availability and the price of road salt for winter maintenance appears to be a concern to most municipalities. A brief discussion followed with insights from several municipal representatives.

C. Hot Topic

Members were asked to consider issues to be raised at upcoming meetings as a hot topic.

Jan Cornwell observed that the Commission's recent meeting held at the Erie County Public Safety facility was enjoyable and informative. Jan also suggested that consideration be given to conducting Commission meetings at various municipal or other sites throughout the county as a way of encouraging greater municipal participation. This topic will be discussed again in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Note: The next ECPC meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 8, 2008**.