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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

May 14, 2009

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, May 14, 2009 in the Admiral Room at the Raymond M. Blasco Memorial Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie PA.

Those in attendance were:

| ECPC members: | Representing: |
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| Mark Corey | County of Erie (Chair, Exec. Board) |
| Gerry Dahl | Corry City (Vice-Chair, Exec. Board) |
| Jan Cornwell | County of Erie (Exec. Board) |
| Charles Casey | Erie City (Exec. Board) |
| Joseph Legnasky | Lake City Borough (Exec. Board) |
| Laura Breon | Waterford Borough (Exec. Board) |
| Jim Comstock | Albion Borough |
| Edward Williams | Erie City |
| Jim Cardman | Fairview Township |
| Paul Pangratz | Girard Township |
| Mark Tomcho | Union Township |
| Patricia Pfadt | Venango Township |
| Planning Department Staff: | |
| Jake Welsh | |
| John Morgan | |
| Guests/Public: | |
| Ed Kissell | |
| Larry Sisson | |
| West county resident | |

Executive Board members present – 6 of 9; quorum attained

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Mark Corey called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was given.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

No public comments were heard.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 9, 2009 MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS

Erie County Greenways Plan –

John Morgan gave a brief recap of the planning process for the greenways Plan, and introduced John Buerkle, lead consultant from Pashek Associates, who completed the plan. Copies of an executive summary of the plan were distributed. Mr. Buerkle gave an extensive (powerpoint) presentation explaining the components of the plan, methodology of collecting data and preparing recommendations, and discussion of ongoing and proposed projects.

After further discussion, Mr. Welsh requested a motion to approve the plan and recommend it for adoption by County Council. The motion was made by Jan Cornwell and seconded by Joe Legnasky to approve and recommend the plan as a supporting document to the Erie County Comprehensive Plan. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jake noted that the Greenways Plan will now be advertised for a 45 day review and comment period and Public Hearing prior to Council's adoption.

NEW BUSINESS

ECDP Monthly Activity Report –

Jake Welsh briefly reviewed information provided in the monthly activity report handout mailed to the ECPC members with the meeting notice.

Jake highlighted a couple areas of interest, noting that the Erie County Recycling Convenience Center had recently opened, with the first collection event being held May 9, with great success. Brief discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Municipal Report –

There was brief discussion regarding the upcoming municipal primary elections.

Jan Cornwell also mentioned attending a presentation regarding LED traffic light group purchase that the NW Commission has been coordinating, which is available to all municipalities in northwest PA. A couple municipal representatives noted that they had already been converting their traffic signals over to LED lights.

Hot Topic –

No discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.