



COUNTY OF ERIE

Erie County Planning Commission

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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

August 13, 2009

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, August 13, 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:
Gerry Dahl	Corry City (Vice-Chair, Exec. Board)
Jan Cornwell	County of Erie (Exec. Board)
Eric Legenzoff	Elk Creek Township (Exec. Board)
Charles Casey	Erie City (Exec. Board)
Joseph Legnasky	Lake City Borough (Exec. Board)
Darrell Kimmy	Amity Township
Jim Cardman	Fairview Township
Patricia Pfadt	Venango Township
Planning Department Staff:	
Jake Welsh	
Joe Berdis	

Executive Board members present – 5 of 9; quorum attained

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Gerry Dahl called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was given.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

No public comments were heard.

APPROVAL OF THE June 11, 2009 MINUTES

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

2010 CDBG Application

Joe Berdis addressed several questions from the members regarding the upcoming CDBG application process. Issues were discussed including the processes for benefit area / LMI determinations, expected funding amounts, and trends in project requests / use of CDBG funds.

OLD BUSINESS

Update of Erie County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO)

Jake Welsh provided a brief status report on the proposed update to the Erie County SALDO. Jake noted that the initial administrative review by the ECDP staff was nearly completed, and that the preliminary draft would be sent to the subcommittee (established the previous month) members for their review the following week. Members then discussed the anticipated review process, what other stakeholders will/should be brought in to the preliminary / technical reviews, and the process for drafting and adopting the new/updated ordinance.

A work session of the subcommittee members to discuss the preliminary draft will be set prior to the next ECPC meeting.

Erie County Greenways Plan

Jake Welsh provided a brief status report on the proposed Erie County Greenways Plan. He stated that several comments were registered at the public hearing held the previous month, and letters received from several west county municipalities. Comments mostly revolved around a potential rail-trail identified in the draft Plan. Based on comments received, revisions to the draft will be made. The revised draft will then be made available to the ECPC for review and comment.

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, including the recycling and transportation programs. Brief discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Municipal Report

Stormwater issues were briefly discussed.

Hot Topic

The recent court ruling regarding the use of gaming revenues was discussed. It was noted that the ruling involved the use of “restricted funds”, and that a process for distributing “uncommitted” funds was currently being developed by the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA).

Miscellaneous

Jan Cornwell suggested that future speakers/presenters be advised to limit their presentations to a reasonable timeframe and designate a short time for a question-answer period to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.