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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
 MEETING MINUTES**

December 17, 2009

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, December 17, 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)
Ed Williams	Erie City
Jim Cardman	Fairview Township
Paul Pangratz	Girard Township
Patricia Pfadt	Venango Township
Planning Department Staff:	
John McGranor	
Guests:	
N/A	

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 November 12, 2009 MINUTES

A motion was made by Charles Casey and seconded by Joe Legnasky to approve the November 12, 2009 minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Draft Erie County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance

John McGranor from the Erie County Department of Planning presented the updated draft Erie County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. John provided a brief update regarding the status of the draft, and the proposed next steps in the adoption process. Following the presentation and a question and answer period, John requested the ECPC consider recommending the draft for adoption.

Jim Cardman made a motion that ECPC approve and recommend for adoption the updated draft Erie County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Charles Casey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Revised Draft Erie County Greenways Plan

John McGranor presented the revised draft of the Erie County Greenways Plan, along with a summary of the revisions. After a question and answer period, John requested a recommendation of the revised draft from ECPC.

A motion was made by Joe Legnasky that ECPC approve the Erie County Greenways Plan as a supporting document to the Erie County Comprehensive Plan. Jan Cornwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Act 167 County-Wide Watershed Stormwater Management Plan

John McGranor gave an update on the plan. Due to a reduction in state funding for the program, it was necessary to reduce the scope and budget for Phase II, and provide for completion of the plan by June 30, 2010. ECDP anticipates that the revised scope and time frame should still allow for an effective stormwater management plan and model ordinance to be prepared.

FEMA Map Modernization for Erie County

John McGranor provided a brief overview of a Map Modernization meeting that was held by FEMA, at ECCD on 12/17/09. FEMA is updating the Flood Hazard maps for Erie County. DCED will assist affected municipalities with drafting new flood ordinances or with amendments to existing ordinances. ECDP will provide municipal GIS data that should help municipalities compare the old FEMA maps with updated maps. Municipalities will be responsible for contacting affected property owners in their area.

OTHER BUSINESS

Members discussed the 2010 meeting schedule. Meeting dates were approved. The consensus was that a January meeting should be held, since it is anticipated that with the new year, there may be some new ECPC members. Members suggested that the December meeting should be tentative, rather than the January meeting.

Members gave a positive response to holding some of the meetings in locations other than the Admiral Room, and expressed an interest in holding more meetings "off site", if possible.

Members are reminded of the importance of these meetings. Members of the Executive Board are encouraged to RSVP to ECDP, as it is important to determine if a quorum will be present.

Eric Legenzoff announced that he will be leaving his position with Elk Creek Township, and will no longer be an ECPC member in 2010. The Township will be appointing a new member.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.