

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

April 23, 2009

The regular quarterly meeting of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission was held on April 23, 2008 in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Dauphin County Administration Building. Ms. Eakin called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission members present were Chairman Eakin, Mr. Bienstock, Mr. Bullock, Mr. Carney, Mr. Clark, Mr. Flint, Mr. Forrey, Mr. Graupensperger, Mr. Hawk, Mr. Lenker, Mr. Leppo, Mr. Lighty, Mr. Memmi, Commissioner Naylor, Ms. Possinger, Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Stees, Mr. Turner, Mr. Williams and Mr. Wyland. Messrs. Szyborski, Reardon, Syed, and Ms. Green of the staff were in attendance. Dr. Neil Perry, Ms. Tanya Dierolf and Ms. Candice Stowell were in attendance as guests.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 22, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Williams.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The actions of the Executive Committee on the Financial Statements for January and February 2009 were ratified on a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Leppo.

The Financial Statement for March 2009 was received for filing and audit on a motion by Commissioner Naylor, seconded by Mr. Shaffer. Copies of the Financial Statements are attached to the file copy of these minutes.

PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

The actions of the Executive Committee on the expenses for January and February 2009 were ratified on a motion by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Mr. Clark.

The payment of the March 2009 expenses was approved on a motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Carney. Copies of the expenses are attached to the file copy of these minutes.

CLIMATE CHANGE IN PA

Dr. Neil Perry, a professor from Lebanon Valley College, gave the Commission a presentation on a climate change in Pennsylvania and the impact and solutions which might be considered for the state. His presentation touched on the responsibility and stewardship

to the future generations and presented both high and low emission scenarios. According to his information, Pennsylvania contributes one percent of the global emissions, the third highest state in the United States. Transportation is a significant contributor to this emission level. The commission members discussed some of the presented information and questioned Dr. Perry on various topics affecting climate change including opportunities and cyclical impacts. Ms. Green noted some of the PA DEP efforts to address climate change.

REGIONAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Ms. Green reported the RGMP update effort was moving forward with the formation of a steering committee to provide project oversight for the plan development. She noted several of the sections of the update and the link to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Public involvement, including a roundtable event will be a significant contributing piece of the update.

PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

Mr. Szymborski reported the RGMP contract has been signed and the notice to proceed granted for this project.

The commission applications for the Dauphin County Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance update and the Millersburg Borough Zoning Ordinance have been approved by PA DCED, but notice to proceed had not been granted yet. Dauphin County DCED has provided a matching component of the funding.

The Perry County Planning Commission, working with the Perry County Board of Commissioners and the Conservation District continue to move forward with their Parks, Recreation Open Space and Greenway Plan. An RFP has been issued and a consultant short-listing process will be established. PA DCNR monies are being used for this project.

The Harrisburg Area Transportation Study MPO recertification will take place May 6-7 at the CAT facilities on Cameron Street. There will be a separate public officials section to the agenda for 9:30 AM on May 7, 2009. All members are invited to participate.

Mr. Szymborski reported the commission has offered employment to Leah Pearlman-Storch to fill a vacant position on staff. Her responsibilities will include environmental oversight for various efforts, assistance with the Perry County planning program and certain aspects of the commission's public outreach program. She is anticipated to start in late June after graduating with a Master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW: New Buffalo Borough Sanitary Sewer Project

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Williams, the commission acted to support the project giving consideration to staff comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Forrey, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for **May 28, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.** in the second floor conference room of the Dauphin County Administration building.

The next meeting of the Full Commission is scheduled for **July 23, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.** in the second floor conference room of the Dauphin County Administration building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Forrey

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Secretary