

## MINUTES

### MERCER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Tuesday – March 27, 2018 - 7:30 p.m. – MCRPC Offices

<b>MUNICIPALITY</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
FARRELL CITY		Stephen Bennefield Kimberly Doss
HERMITAGE CITY	Jeremy Coxe	James Holl
SHARON CITY	Stephen Theiss	Frank Connelly
CLARK BOROUGH		James Carucci, Sr.
FREDONIA BOROUGH	Patricia McAdams	Bob Reagle
GREENVILLE BOROUGH	Benjamin Beck	Janet Earle
GROVE CITY BOROUGH		Shawn P. Myers
JACKSON CENTER BOROUGH		Robert Egger
JAMESTOWN BOROUGH		
MERCER BOROUGH	Jerry Johnson	
NEW LEBANON BOROUGH		
SANDY LAKE BOROUGH	Glenn Leech Donald Oakes	
SHARPSVILLE BOROUGH		Alex Kovach Guy Moderelli
STONEBORO BOROUGH	John Sweet	
WEST MIDDLESEX BOROUGH	Robert Lark	Maleia James
WHEATLAND BOROUGH		Dave Jones Patricia Lewis
COOLSPRING TOWNSHIP	Don Blakesley	Robert L. McGhee
DELAWARE TOWNSHIP	William E. Anthony	
E. LACKAWANNOCK TOWNSHIP		
FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP		Mont Clark
FINDLEY TOWNSHIP	John B. Courtney	Steve Paxton
GREENE TOWNSHIP		Ken Cowher Paul Csonka
HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP	Lisa Holm	Todd Hittle
JACKSON TOWNSHIP		Richard Marks Robert W. Pizor
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP	Garth Falkner	William Dunn
LAKE TOWNSHIP		
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP	Dave Beatty	Ron Faull
NEW VERNON TOWNSHIP		Daniel L. Patterson
OTTER CREEK TOWNSHIP	Carl Swartz Paulette Young	

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PERRY TOWNSHIP

PINE TOWNSHIP	Fred Brenner Richard Stachel	
PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP	Gary R. Lowers	Ed Robinson
SANDY LAKE TOWNSHIP		Raymond Scofield
SHENANGO TOWNSHIP	Dennis DeSilvey Matthew Stefanak	
S. PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP	Bill Klumph	Don Morrow
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP	Rick Dillaman	
WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP	Bryan Cummings	Diana Caiazza
WOLF CREEK TOWNSHIP		Gregory Chiappini Jim Morton
MERCER COUNTY	Jeff Fiedler Jeff Hoy James Hughes Larry McAdams	James L. Hogan Sheryl Kelly Patty McCluskey
<u>BOROUGHES ASSOCIATION</u>		
<u>SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION</u>		
COUNTY COMMISSIONER		Matt McConnell

STAFF

Daniel Gracenin, Executive Director  
Carmen Reichard, Assistant Director  
Brian Barnhizer, Senior Planner  
Chris Conti, Senior Planner  
Matt Stewart, Senior Planner  
Lisa Holm, Senior Planner

OTHERS PRESENT

James Nevant II, Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jeremy Coxe, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Dennis DeSilvey, Vice-Chairman, led the Commission in the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE SIGN IN

An attendance sign-in sheet was passed around and representatives present were asked to mark their attendance. **A quorum was present.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

There were no public comments.

## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2018 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Lowers and seconded by Mr. Beatty to approve the Minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting with no additions, corrections or deletions. The motion passed.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Gary Lowers, Treasurer, presented the January and February 2018 Financial Statements. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Hoy to approve the January and February 2018 Financial Statements as presented. The motion passed.

## STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Stewart, Senior Planner, mentioned that there are two planning studies getting started. The first study is a Pedestrian Circulation Study in Greenville Borough, particularly around Thiel College and the School District. He noted that a consultant was selected last week and we are looking over the contract with them. The second study is the southeast Mercer County Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan, which covers Grove City Borough and Pine and Springfield Townships. He noted that in the last month or so, a lot of discussion has been going on and a public meeting will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the social hall on Route 208 in Pine Township from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for those interested in bike and pedestrian amenities. Next, he mentioned that the MPO put together a Communication Survey to gather essential information about your role as a board member or stakeholder regarding the preferred method of receiving information from the MPO staff so we could share more resources and information about transportation and various projects. Also, he mentioned that the LTAP Classes for 2018 have just been announced. He encouraged municipalities to inquire into these classes since they are free courses and provide a lot of technical information regarding transportation issues.

Ms. Holm, Senior Planner, stated that there will be another Storm Water Workshop on May 17, 2018 at the Mercer County Conservation District. She noted that there is a Registration Form for handout and encourages municipalities to attend.

## ZONING & SUBDIVISION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Larry McAdams, Committee Chairman, noted that the Committee met March 20<sup>th</sup> and continued that meeting at 7:00 p.m., this evening. A quorum was present at both meetings. The Committee reviewed the following item:

1. Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance – Text Amendment – Mr. McAdams stated that the Township is proposing significant updates to the section of their Zoning Ordinance that relates to Communications Towers and Wireless Telecommunication Facilities. These relate to the vertical zones around the Grove City Airport, encourage use of concealment or stealth technology to blend the facilities into the surroundings (disguise) and regulate the variety of antennae that may be used. It was noted that satellite or television antennas and ham radio equipment for private residential use will be specifically excluded. A motion was made by Mr. McAdams to approve the zoning amendment for Communications Towers and Wireless Telecommunication Facilities. Mr. Hughes seconded. The motion passed.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gracenin, Executive Director, mentioned that MCRPC annually holds a summer picnic for its members. He noted that a date and location has not been determined for this year, but the picnic will probably be in the Shenango Valley area this year. It was the consensus of the members that we hold a summer picnic. Next, he stated that the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission is scheduled the same week as the PSATS Conference.

Currently, we did not change the day or cancel the April meeting, but most likely will unless there is something important enough so that we would need to hold a meeting. Next, Ms. Reichard and Mr. Conti just returned from a CDBG Conference and he noted that there was an increase in CDBG and HOME funding for 2018 of up to 10%. Mr. Conti stated that he will give a report on their Conference at the next Commission meeting. Next he gave an update on the Tri-County court case noting that the Attorneys for Liberty, Pine and Tri-County are trying to find a solution on the height issue before going to a full court hearing. Attorney Nevant noted that Tri-County just filed for an extension of time due to the fact that Tri-County feels progress is being made by way of potential settlement.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business or discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Anthony to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Submitted and Certified By:

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Carl Swartz, Secretary – MCRPC

Date: \_\_\_\_\_