

MINUTES
MERCER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Hybrid Meeting: Tuesday – December 17, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.

MUNICIPALITY	PRESENT	ABSENT
FARRELL CITY	Venesta Kirk	Lynda Moss-McDougall
HERMITAGE CITY	Jeremy Coxe	James Holl
SHARON CITY	Stephen Theiss	
CLARK BOROUGH		Alesha Culp Maryjo Harakal
FREDONIA BOROUGH	Patricia McAdams	Ron Anthony
GREENVILLE TOWN	Paul Hamill Matt Breedlove	
GROVE CITY BOROUGH		
JACKSON CENTER BOROUGH		Robert Egger
JAMESTOWN BOROUGH		
MERCER BOROUGH	Nick Sicilian	Debbie Sarvis
NEW LEBANON BOROUGH		Darlene Slemenda
SANDY LAKE BOROUGH		Glenn Leech
SHARPSVILLE BOROUGH	Nicholas Hanahan	
STONEBORO BOROUGH	Jennifer Medberry	Roger Patterson
WEST MIDDLESEX BOROUGH	Robert Lark	Stacey Curry
COOLSPRING TOWNSHIP	Corwin Masson Tom Sauer	
DELAWARE TOWNSHIP	William Anthony	
E. LACKAWANNOCK TOWNSHIP		William Hackwelder
FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP		Robin Hostetler Mont Clark
FINDLEY TOWNSHIP	John Courtney	Steve Paxton
HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP	Lisa Holm	Todd Hittle
JACKSON TOWNSHIP		George McIntire Diane Tice
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP	Richard McCullough	
LAKE TOWNSHIP	Steve Tingley	
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP		Dave Beatty Joseph Matthews
NEW VERNON TOWNSHIP		Daniel L. Patterson
OTTER CREEK TOWNSHIP	Paulette Young	Carl Swartz
PERRY TOWNSHIP		Bonnie McCartney Gary King
PINE TOWNSHIP	Todd Spears	Dennis Crumb
PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP		Jim Rowe Ryan Zarecky
SANDY LAKE TOWNSHIP		Raymond Scofield Heather Bacher
SHENANGO TOWNSHIP	Dale Perry	Matthew Stefanak
S. PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP	Mourine Rodgers	Matthew Chalupka
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP		Tim Stiffy Marcus Kohan
WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP		Robert Steingrabe Sharen Brown

MUNICIPALITY	PRESENT	ABSENT
WOLF CREEK TOWNSHIP		Charles Weber John Ligo
MERCER COUNTY	Larry McAdams Elliot Lengel Jay Russell Jeff Hoy	Sheryl Kelly Jared Grandy Richard Stachel
BOROUGHES ASSOCIATION		
SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION		
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	Tim McGonigle Ann Coleman	
Solicitor	James Nevant, II	

STAFF

Daniel Gracenin, Executive Director	Doniele Russell
Brian Barnhizer, Senior Planner	Lisa Holm, Senior Planner
Chris Conti, Planner	Elizabeth Peluchette, Planner
Peter Messina, Planner	

CALL TO ORDER-

Paul Hamill, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

Paul Hamill led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.
William Anthony led the prayer.

ATTENDANCE SIGN IN-

A roll call was taken verbally and it was noted that **a quorum was present.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEM- Public comments on any agenda item – Paul Hamill, chairman. No comments were made.

MINUTES OF THE November 26, 2024 MEETING-

A motion was made by Nicholas Hanahan and seconded by Steven Theiss, to approve the Minutes of the November 26, 2024 meeting. Paul Hamill called for discussion; Steven Theiss requested an amendment to the minutes to reflect his presence. A vote was called for; the motion carried with edit.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Steve Tingley, committee treasurer.

Steve Tingley presented the November Financial Statements.

Steve Tingley made a motion, seconded by William Anthony, to approve the November 2024 financial statements as presented. Paul Hamill called for discussion; there being none, a vote was called for; the motion carried.

Approve Cooperation Agreement Revisions with the City of Farrell for CDBG Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023- Chris Conti.

Chris stated the revisions to the City of Farrell CDBG FY 2022 and FY 2023 Cooperation Agreements are to move \$4,500 in FY 2023 MCRPC CDBG Administration to FY 2022 MCRPC Administration. **A motion was made by Corwin Masson and seconded by Steve Tingley to approve the April 2024 Financial Statements as presented. The motion passed.**

Staff reports – Professional staff.

Dan Stated that the MPO met on December 12th and approved the two-year work program for 2025- 2026 and 2026-2027. Also, the deadline for the long-range transportation plan deadline was moved up five months. Dan stressed the importance of getting on to the upcoming long-range plan for future projects. Dan also displayed and discussed the meeting schedule for 2025, which needs approval. **A motion was**

made by Richard McCullough and seconded by Elliot Lengel to approve the April 2024 Financial Statements as presented. The motion passed.

2025 meeting schedule – Paul Hamill, chairman

A motion was made by Richard McCullough and seconded by Tom Sauer to approve the 2025 meeting schedule. The motion passed.

Election of 2025 officers – Dan Gracenin, executive director

Chair: Matthew Stefanak (Shenango)

Vice-Chair: William Anthony (Delaware)

Secretary: Steve Tingley (Lake)

Treasurer: Nicholas Hanahan (Sharpsville)

A motion was made by Richard McCollough and seconded by Tom Sauer to approve the 2025 Election of Officers as presented. The motion passed.

Annual awards and recognitions: No years of service awards but we want to recognize the following members for perfect attendance.

Paul Hamill

Paulette Young

Lisa

Rich McCullough

Larry McAdams

Dale Perry

Patty McAdams

William Anthony

Jeremy Coxe

Steve Tingley

Venesta Kirk

Discussion: William Anthony suggested putting the 2025 Meeting dates in the Mercer County Association of Township Officials. Doniele agreed to send the dates to Cindy Black of Wilmington.

Discussion

Dan Gracenin and Brian Barnhizer both spoke and thanked everyone for their years of service. Ann Coleman thanked Dan and Brian for all the work they've done for Mercer County over the years.

Dale Perry also thanked Dan and Brian. He also spoke of the professionalism and kindness of the staff of MCRPC.

Adjournment

With no further business or discussion, Corwin Masson made a motion, seconded by Dale Perry to adjourn at 7:55. Paul Hamill called for discussion; there being none, a vote was called for; the motion carried.

Submitted and Certified By:



William Anthony, Secretary – MCRPC

Date: 1-28-2025