

## MINUTES

### MERCER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Tuesday – April 26, 2016 - 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
SHARON CITY	Stephen Theiss	Frank Connelly
CLARK BOROUGH		James Carucci, Sr.
FREDONIA BOROUGH	Patricia McAdams	Bob Reagle
GREENVILLE BOROUGH	Lisa Holm	Pamela Auchter
GROVE CITY BOROUGH	Shawn P. Myers	
JACKSON CENTER BOROUGH		Robert Egger
JAMESTOWN BOROUGH	William LeBarron	
MERCER BOROUGH	Jerry Johnson	
NEW LEBANON BOROUGH		
SANDY LAKE BOROUGH		Helena Bence
SHARPSVILLE BOROUGH		Alex Kovach Guy Moderelli
STONEBORO BOROUGH	John Sweet	
WEST MIDDLESEX BOROUGH	Maleia James Robert Lark	
WHEATLAND BOROUGH		George Ashby Dave Jones
COOLSPRING TOWNSHIP	Don Blakesley	Robert L. McGhee
DELAWARE TOWNSHIP	William E. Anthony	Melissa L. Osborne
E. LACKAWANNOCK TOWNSHIP		Nancy Givens
FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP		Jane Clark Mont Clark
FINDLEY TOWNSHIP	John B. Courtney	Steve Paxton
HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP		Todd Hittle
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	Richard Marks	Robert W. Pizor
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP	Garth Falkner	William Dunn
LACKAWANNOCK TOWNSHIP		Richard Schuller Jody Scopack
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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<u>PERRY TOWNSHIP</u>		
<u>PINE TOWNSHIP</u>	Fred Brenner George Hagstrom	
<u>PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP</u>	Gary R. Lowers	
<u>SANDY LAKE TOWNSHIP</u>	Helen Winger	Raymond Scofield
<u>SHENANGO TOWNSHIP</u>	Dennis DeSilvey Matthew Stefanak	
<u>S. PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP</u>		Rose Lyons Don Morrow
<u>SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP</u>	Rick Dillaman	
<u>WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP</u>	Diana Caiazza	Chad Taylor
<u>WOLF CREEK TOWNSHIP</u>	Jim Morton	Gregory Chiappini
<u>MERCER COUNTY</u>	James L. Hogan Jeff Hoy James Hughes Larry McAdams	Jeff Fiedler Sheryl Kelly Patty McCluskey
<u>BOROUGH ASSOCIATION</u>		
<u>SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION</u>		
<u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</u>	Matt McConnell	

STAFF

Daniel Gracenin, Executive Director  
 Brian Barnhizer, Senior Planner  
 Matt Stewart, Senior Planner  
 Lisa Holm, Senior Planner

OTHERS PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Diana Caiazza, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Garth Falkner, 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 MARCH 22, 2016 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. McAdams and seconded by Mr. Sweet to approve the Minutes of the March 22,

2016 meeting with no additions, corrections or deletions. The motion passed.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Dennis DeSilvey, Treasurer, presented the March 2016 Financial Statement. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Falkner to approve the March 2016 Financial Statement as presented. The motion passed.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Matt Stewart, Senior Planner, mentioned that we are in the process of updating the Mercer County Long Range Transportation Plan, which is done every 5 years. One of the most important items undertaken is to invite the public and municipal officials to help to identify transportation concerns and needs in Mercer County with respect to safety, congestion, mobility, economic competitiveness, bicycle and pedestrian needs and tourism. In order to accomplish this, we are working with a consultant team to set up 5 areas throughout Mercer County to hold open house-style meetings and receive input from municipal officials.

Mr. Gracenin, Executive Director, explained that he signed a contract with a local company (K & K Design) to update MCRPC's website. The company stated that it would take 2-3 months before a draft (model) website is available, which will be more user-friendly. Also, the company will maintain the site for the first 6 months, and will refresh the site for a minimal fee.

#### ZONING & SUBDIVISION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Larry McAdams, Committee Chairman, noted that the Committee met this evening, a quorum was present, and reviewed the following items:

1. City of Hermitage Zoning Ordinance – Text Amendment – Mr. McAdams explained that the City of Hermitage proposes to add Career & Technical Training Centers as a permitted use in the Light Industrial Zoning District. This would allow reuse of existing manufacturing facilities or new facilities to be added. A motion was made by Mr. McAdams that we recommend the text amendment with the recommendation that it be added as a CONDITIONAL USE so that parking requirements or other conditions can be included in this use. Mr. Hughes seconded. The motion passed.

2. Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance – Map Amendment – Mr. McAdams explained that the Township is requesting to extend the Business District along SR 62 to the boundary with Jackson Center Borough. This will incorporate the area to allow similar uses along that corridor. A motion was made by Mr. McAdams that we recommend approval of the map amendment as shown on the map provided. Mr. Hughes seconded. The motion passed.

#### AUTHORIZATION FOR COMMITTEES TO ACT ON BEHALF OF FULL COMMISSION IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

Mr. Gracenin, Executive Director stated that the full Commission does not meet in June, July and August, but would need to authorize the Committees of the Commission to act on behalf of the full Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Anthony to authorize the Committees of the Commission to act on behalf of the full Commission for the months of June, July and August. Mr. Lark seconded. The motion passed.

#### SUMMER PICNIC

Mr. Gracenin, Executive Director, mentioned that MCRPC has annually held a summer picnic for its members. He noted that a date and location has not been determined for this year, but we will try to hold the picnic in the northeast part of Mercer County. Last year the picnic was held at Brandy Springs Park. It was suggested that we check into Lake Wilhelm or McKeever Environmental Center, as a possible location to hold our summer picnic.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner McConnell mentioned that a Pictometry demonstration and fly over took place recently in Mercer County in order to compare with other fly overs; and things that weren't taxed but should be, were going to get taxed. Mr. Gracenin mentioned that this pictometry is a really neat tool and takes really good pictures.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business or discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Brenner and seconded by Mr. Anthony to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted and Certified By:

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Jeremy Coxe, Secretary – MCRPC

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