

**LANCASTER INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR LIMC MONTHLY MEETING**

**Date and Time:** February 8, 2012, 7:30AM

**Place:** West Hempfield Township

**Attendance:**

Columbia Borough:	Leo Lutz
East Hempfield Township:	John Bingham, Bob Krimmel
East Lampeter Township:	Ralph Hutchison
East Petersburg Borough:	
Lancaster City:	Rick Gray, James Reichenbach, Donna Jessup
Lancaster Township:	Bill Laudien, Kathy Wasong, Tom Daniels
Manheim Township:	
Manor Township:	
Millersville Borough:	Ed Arnold
Mountville Borough:	Francis Zimmer
West Hempfield Township:	Kent Gardner
West Lampeter Township:	James Kalenich
Others:	Mike Kyle, LASA; Eboni Bryant, LGH; Alice Yoder, LGH; Mary LeVasseur, LGH; Angela Trout, YWCA Lancaster; Mary Ross, YWCA; Michael LaSala, LIMC

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Wasong called the meeting to order at 7:31AM and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Minutes:** Mr. Bingham moved, Mr. Zimmer seconded the motion, and the minutes of the January 11, 2012 meeting were approved. Mr. Arnold moved, Mr. Gardner seconded the motion, and the minutes of the January 26, 2012 work session were approved.
3. **Public Comment:** There were no public comments.
4. **Reports and Actions:**
  - A. **Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Arnold moved, Mr. Bingham seconded, and the January 2012 treasurer's report was approved.
  - B. **GTRCP Implementation Procedures:** Mr. Lutz clarified Columbia Borough's participation in the regional plan. Currently, Growing Together was adopted by Columbia through their zoning ordinance. With respect to the intergovernmental cooperation agreement, it was felt an amendment at the 10-year review would officially add Columbia to the agreement. The "Procedure for Review of Implementation Option Packages" was presented to the Committee-of-the-Whole. Mr. LaSala indicated LUAB, through a motion and vote, recommends approval of the procedures. Mr. Gardner moved, Mr. Bingham seconded the motion, and the Procedure for Review of Implementation Option Packages" was approved.

5. **Executive Director's Report:** The following items were discussed from the February 2012 ED report:

- The final draft of the "Tetra Tech Proposal," through development by the Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium, will be presented to the DEP for funding assistance. Tetra Tech would develop a Strategic Action Plan relative to the DEP Watershed Implementation Plan.
- A "Day on the Hill" is planned for March 6, 2012 to meet specific legislators to review legislation relative to stormwater management funding and previous LIMC resolutions.
- More orders will be submitted to the LIMC from the road master's over the next few days to possibly place a bulk order.
- The Auditing Committee will meet tomorrow, February 9, 2012 at Lyndon Diner for the 2011 financial audit. PMN: The Auditing Committee is comprised of Mr. Arnold, Mr. Reichenbach, and Mr. Gardner.
- Any questions on items listed and not discussed, contact Mr. LaSala.

6. **Advisory Board Reports:**

**A. LUAB:** A brief summary was provided regarding determinations at the latest LUAB meeting. Mr. LaSala indicated the requested review of the proposed Belmont Commercial Development is postponed until the March 2012 LUAB meeting per Manheim Township's request.

**B. GPAB:** A brief summary was provided regarding the last GPAB meeting. Mr. Gardner moved, Mr. Arnold seconded the motion, and James Everhart was approved as the East Lampeter Township representative to GPAB.

**C. UCC Board of Appeals:** Mr. LaSala indicated an informational meeting was held recently with the board. An annual organizational meeting did not occur in 2011. However, the board still exists as there are enough current members to serve for a review. LIMC staff is working through procedural actions to bring all items associated with the board current.

7. **Municipal Exchange:** Discussion and comments were made regarding the following items during the exchange:

- Mayor Lutz indicated the Smart Growth Awards went very well last night at the Turkey Hill Experience. There were 19 applicants and 9 awards. It may be worthwhile to explore holding the event at the location of one of the entrants.
- Mayor Gray raised the idea of an "Annual LIMC Awards" as well. The awards program could be a part of the LIMC annual dinner. The awards should focus on communities and individuals as well. LIMC staff will research and present ideas in the near future.
- Mr. Reichenbach indicated he attended a League of Cities meeting recently. Based on conversations, it appears our efforts as a group can be labeled "ahead of the curve" as compared to other activities across the state.

**8. Old Business**

**A. Animal Control:** Mr. Hutchison indicated a meeting was held at East Hempfield Township recently. There are no definitive answers at this time either. However, it can be considered “up in the air” if dog officers will continue coming to pick up dogs. If there are any changes, Mr. Hutchison will let the group know. Mr. Bingham indicated East Hempfield Township has had to handle three dogs thus far this year under their new policy. All three dogs were successfully returned to their owners. However, an issue has arisen regarding the chip reader. When scanned, the reader only provides a number and not the owner. It was indicated, the reader service is a private service and contact has to be made with three or four of the companies to acquire the complete information associated with the chip. Lancaster Township, Lancaster City, and Columbia Borough confirmed they paid the requested fees with the Humane League. However, several municipalities still do not agree with the proposed contract and costs presented by the Humane League. It was agreed in principle the county should at least provide a match in funds to the Humane League. LIMC staff will also investigate the possibility of a “Lost Dog” section on the LIMC website. The East Hempfield Township dog policy and Mountville Borough dog ordinance were previously distributed to all for review. It was agreed in principle to keep this item on the agenda.

**B. Other**

**a. Pequea Township:** Ms. Wasong indicated more discussion have commenced regarding Pequea Township rejoining the LIMC. Mr. Ray D’Agostino also pitched the LIMC and the benefits of joining. As of now, the possibility of rejoining is on the upcoming Board of Supervisor’s meeting agenda. Ms. Wasong will attend the meeting next week and has been discussing the possibility with Mr. Jay Reynolds, a supervisor of Pequea Township.

**b. Lititz and Manheim Boroughs:** A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of Lititz and Manheim Boroughs joining the LIMC. It was indicated new members would be welcomed. However, it may make sense from a geographical standpoint if another COG formed in the northern area of the county. Mayor Gray indicated an “Associate Member” period could be created. This would help certain municipalities gain experience with business conducted within the COG. The Associate Members could join after a period or split off to form another COG. LIMC staff will research the options in more detail.

**9. New Business**

**A. Young Lungs at Play (YLAP) Presentation:** Ms. LeVasseur of LGH and Ms. Trout of LGH provided a presentation to the group regarding the “Young Lungs at Play” Initiative. Primary points presented and discussed are as follows:

- The Initiative focuses on making playgrounds and parks tobacco-free.
- The EPA classifies second-hand smoke as a Class A carcinogen.
- Children imitate adults using tobacco products.
- Cigarette butts are the most littered item in the world.

- As an YLAP participant, assistance is provided with ordinances, policies, or resolutions. Metal signs are provided free-of-charge for install at parks and playgrounds indicating a tobacco-free zone.
- East Drumore Township is the only municipality in Lancaster County to adopt the policy thus far.
- Mr. Zimmer indicated this initiative is on Mountville Borough's agenda for this coming Monday. Mayor Lutz indicated Columbia Borough is also reviewing the possibility of tobacco-free zones.
- A question was raised with respect to enforcement of the policy if an ordinance was enacted. The group agreed in principle we do not want the police forces as "tobacco cops." Voluntary enforcement may be just as effective. The group preferred a policy or resolution in lieu of an ordinance with respect to the initiative.
- It was agreed in principle the state should make a law banning use of tobacco products on playgrounds and in parks.
- Mayor Lutz moved, Mr. Zimmer seconded the motion, and the LIMC approved GPAB developing a draft LIMC policy and resolution for LIMC review and approval supporting the initiative and outlining conditions. A draft resolution will also be developed encouraging the state to consider a ban on use of tobacco products at playgrounds and in parks. School districts should be involved with the development.
- YLAP representatives will follow up with Mr. LaSala to make a presentation at the next GPAB meeting in March.

**B. National Stormwater Center Conference:** Mr. LaSala provided a brief overview of the upcoming conference. A certification will also be provided to attendees as a "Stormwater Inspector." LIMC staff has contacted the U.S. EPA as to the extent this certification will fulfill with respect to qualified personnel requirements in the NPDES.

**C. LCCI Membership:** Mayor Gray moved, Mr. Krimmel seconded the motion, and LIMC membership to the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry was approved.

**D. DEP Phase 2 Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP):** Mr. LaSala indicated a review was completed recently of the DEP WIP and the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. The memorandum provided several key points found in the documents. The memorandum further provides a checklist with timelines that should be considered by all municipalities for compliance.

**10. Other Business:**

**A. Matter of Record**

- a. The next regular LIMC monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7:30 am at West Lampeter Township.

**B. Items of Interest**

- a. Kitchen Hoods Seminar will be presented by The Lancaster County Code Chapter of the ICC; February 29, 2012; 7:00 am - 12:00 pm; Manheim Township Municipal Building; 4 UCC CEU's provided.
- b. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference will be held May 3-5, 2012 at the Inn at Pocono Manor. Registration materials can be found at [ConserveLand.org](http://ConserveLand.org).

**11. Adjournment:** Chair Wasong adjourned the meeting at 8:44 am.