

LANCASTER INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR LIMC MONTHLY MEETING

Date and Time: March 13, 2013, 7:30AM

Place: East Lampeter Township

Attendance:

Columbia Borough: Leo Lutz

East Lampeter Township: Ralph Hutchison

Lancaster City: Rick Gray

Lancaster Township: Kathy Wasong

Manor Township: Al Kreider

Millersville Borough: Ed Arnold, Jim Stager

Mountville Borough:

West Hempfield Township: Kent Gardner

West Lampeter Township: DeeDee McGuire; James Kalenich

Others: Roy Baldwin, McCormick Taylor; Ray D'Agostino & Jim Shultz, LHOP;

Michael LaSala, Land Studies; Suzanne Teske, LIMC

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Wasong called the meeting to order at 7:31AM and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Establish Quorum:** Through roll call, eight voting members were present and quorum was established for any action.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting be approved; motion carried.
4. **LHOP Programs & Endeavors:** Ray D'Agostino and Jim Shultz presented the vision and mission of the Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership. This important community service offers community home buyers' education and support with assistance from HUD, PHFA, USDA, and FHA; a fair housing center; affordable housing development; and, community outreach and advocacy.
5. **Public Comment:** There were no public comments.
6. **Reports and Actions**
 - A. **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was not available at this meeting.
7. **Advisory Board Reports**
 - A. **LUAB:** There were no submissions and no meeting in March.
 - B. **GPAB:** Ms. Teske reported on the March 4, 2013 meeting. Ms. Wasong, LIMC Chair, spoke to the board about the status and changes of the LIMC as a whole since the

resignation of three municipalities. They discussed PPL and the Enola low grade line/trail. Manor Township is working on their trail with 3.5 miles now completed. The bridge at Chicques is currently at the permit stage and it is hoped the work will be completed by the end of this year using the historic abutments. The board members voted to change their meeting schedule to every other month. The county commissioners have said that in addition to farmland preservation, they are willing to allocate monies from Marcellus shale to other natural resources projects.

8. Municipal Exchange:

- Mr. Lutz reported the PA Fish & Boat Commission has a \$9 million dollar shortfall. They are considering licensing kayaks and canoes, which he feels would be quite detrimental to tourism.
- Ms. Wasong announced that Senator Lloyd Smucker will attend the April LIMC meeting.
- Mr. Gardner offered information on a provider for logo-imprinted t-shirts, etc. It was noted that Stevens College has its own silk screening department and it might be worth investigating their availability and fees.
- There was discussion of workers' compensation insurance for firemen and departments being discontinued by many insurance companies. The State Worker's Insurance Fund (SWIF) is available but they have doubled their premiums. Everyone should make a concerted effort to talk with their legislators.
- Ms. McGuire has been a representative to the Clean Water Consortium for over two years and it was felt someone else should take on this responsibility. Mr. Gray said he would check with his staff.
- Mr. LaSala commented on a startling water run-off fact: we would need to spend \$21 billion dollars to build enough detention basins county-wide to reduce the nitrogen and phosphorus run-off.
- Mr. LaSala agreed to draft an annual report and present it at the next meeting.

9. Old Business

A. Froehlich Park: There was a meeting with the contractors and it is hoped things should be done by the end of April.

10. New Business

A. Sign Ordinance Discussion: There was a question as to Manor Township's signage and it was concluded that there is no reason why they can't tweak their signage to suit them. There was discussion about LED changing message signs, which Lancaster City is looking into now. There are two kinds: changing and travelling. The frequent change signs are dangerous to drivers trying to read the message only to have it switch to another. Manor Township is considering hourly changes as opposed to much more frequent changes. If the sign owner is renting space on these types of signs, that makes it a billboard. Mr. LaSala will do some research and present information at the next meeting.

B. 2013 LIMC Meeting Schedule: In light of the recent resignations of three municipalities, a new schedule was presented and accepted.

11. Other Business:

A. Matter of Record: The next regular LIMC monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 7:30 am at Millersville Borough.

12. Adjournment: Chair Wasong adjourned the meeting at 9:03AM.