

LANCASTER INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR LIMC MONTHLY MEETING

Date and Time: April 10, 2013, 7:30AM

Place: Millersville Borough

Attendance:

Columbia Borough: Leo Lutz

East Lampeter Township: Ralph Hutchison, John Blowers

Lancaster City:

Lancaster Township: Kathy Wasong

Manor Township: Barry Smith, Ryan Strohecker

Millersville Borough: Ed Arnold, Jim Stager

Mountville Borough:

West Hempfield Township: Kent Gardner, Ron Youtz

West Lampeter Township: Jim Kalenich

Others: Senator Lloyd Smucker; 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, seven voting members were present and quorum was established for any action.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Gardner moved, Mr. Lutz seconded, and the minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting were approved.
4. **Speaker:** Senator Lloyd Smucker
Senator Smucker reported on the following:
 - Update on the state budget: several initiatives are tied to the budget including asking for increased funding for roads and bridges; sale of the state liquor stores, with the inherent concerns of current license holders and beer distributors; expected dramatic increase in the costs of state pensions; prevailing wage/cost of living concerns.
 - Discussion of standardized state signs for trails and parks. It was asked if one must go through the PA Signage Trust. Is it actually mandated? The senator was not sure but would find out. The point is there are too many bureaucratic layers for many things.
 - The possibility of licensing of kayaks and canoes through the PA Fish and Boat Commission.
 - Do public/private partnerships still fall under prevailing wage? The answer is “yes”; prevailing wage has not yet been changed.
 - There were more questions about how businesses currently holding licenses and those who purchase them will be affected by the sale of liquor stores now and in

the future. There were also unanswered questions about how it may affect future state budgets.

- Concerns of increases in Worker’s Compensation Insurance premiums because of possible future cancers (Firefighter’s Presumption Act). Claims will be made and municipalities will have to bear the burden of considerable expense in defending against a claim.
- The senator feels the LIMC is vitally important to creating cooperative projects which saves money all around. A point was raised that COGs must be contiguous municipalities, which denies membership to some. The senator said he would be willing to propose a text amendment to the laws on this subject. Intermunicipal projects are vital to any given area reducing duplication of services and equipment. Recent newspaper stories have generated interest and discussion.

5. Public Comment: There were no public comments.

6. Reports and Actions

A. Treasurer’s Report: QuickBooks has not yet been set up but the most recent bank statement is available.

7. Advisory Board Reports

A. LUAB: The board reviewed four submissions at the March 13, 2013 meeting:

1. East Hempfield Township: Rezoning request for the Landis tract; deemed generally consistent with the “Growing Together Comprehensive Plan” with the recommendation to encourage the developer to include mixed use, low impact professional space.
2. East Hempfield Township: Rezoning request for the Cheswicke Town Centre; deemed generally consistent with the “Growing Together Comprehensive Plan.”
3. East Lampeter Township: amending zoning ordinance provisions relative to barns, horse barns for transportation, agricultural activities and uses, domestic animals and pets, signs, no-impact home occupation uses, disposal sites, quarries and mines under the revised zoning of 1990; deemed generally consistent with the plan.
4. East Lampeter Township: Amendments to zoning ordinance and zoning map; deemed generally consistent with the plan.

B. GPAB: No March meeting.

8. Municipal Exchange: No discussion.

9. Old Business

A. Froehlich Park Contract: After brief discussion, Mr. Arnold moved, Mr. Blowers seconded, and the board unanimously approved the contract.

10. New Business

A. Draft Annual Report for 2012: Mr. LaSala distributed a draft and asked that any comments or suggestions be sent directly to him.

11. Other Business:

A. Annual Meeting: It was agreed by all that the annual banquet would be held at the end of September.

B. Matter of Record: The next regular LIMC monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, May 8, 2013, 7:30AM at Lancaster City.

12. Adjournment: Chair Wasong adjourned the meeting at 9:10AM.