

LANCASTER INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR LIMC MONTHLY MEETING

Date and Time: May 9, 2012, 7:30AM

Place: Millersville Borough

Attendance:

Columbia Borough:	Leo Lutz
East Hempfield Township:	Bob Krimmel
East Lampeter Township:	Ralph Hutchison
East Petersburg Borough:	Robin Hemperly, Herbert Mattern
Lancaster City:	
Lancaster Township:	Kathy Wasong, Bill Laudien
Manheim Township:	Al Kling
Manor Township:	
Millersville Borough:	Ed Arnold, Linda Deal
Mountville Borough:	Francis Zimmer
West Hempfield Township:	Ron Youtz
West Lampeter Township:	
Others:	Roy Baldwin, McCormick Taylor; Mike Kyle, LASA; Michael LaSala, LIMC

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair Wasong called the meeting to order at 7:33AM and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Establish Quorum and Introduction of Guests:** Through roll call, nine voting members were present and quorum was established for action and major action. All persons present introduced themselves.
- 3. Minutes:** Mr. Arnold moved, Mr. Kling seconded the motion, and the minutes of the April 11, 2012 meeting were approved.
- 4. Public Comment:** There were no public comments.
- 5. Reports and Actions:**
 - A. Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Arnold moved, Mr. Mattern seconded the motion, and the April 2012 treasurer's report was approved.
 - B. GPAB Recommended Actions:** A summary was provided of current activities associated with the April 2012 GPAB comprehensive motion calling for identifying trail gaps, continuation of the Conestoga Greenway, and absorption areas. Primary points discussed are as follows:
 - DCNR currently offers an online trail gap information survey. Individual municipalities can complete the survey identifying existing or anticipated trail gaps.
 - An IOP will be introduced this month that contemplates the establishment of a "Greenways Coordinator." This coordinator could assume responsibilities and actions for the comprehensive motion.

C. LIMC Resolution 2012-1: Mr. Arnold moved, Mr. Zimmer seconded the motion, and LIMC Resolution 2012-1 requesting state and federal agencies to consider establishing an appropriate and comprehensive municipal funding mechanism for stormwater management and MS4 Permit compliance activities was approved.

D. NFWF Grant Proposal: Due to concerns regarding multiple NFWF grants and potentially jeopardizing other grant applications submitted (or planned to be submitted) by municipal members, the LIMC will pursue other avenues.

6. Executive Director's Report: The following items were discussed from the May 2012 ED report:

- The LIMC completed a presentation for the Hourglass Foundation at their May 2012 meeting. The title of the presentation was "Cleaning Up the Bay: The Little Picture."
- Two IOPS will be introduced later this month.
- RSVPs for the annual dinner should be forwarded to the LIMC by this Friday.
- Municipalities should encourage contractors working (or will be working) in their municipalities to attend the NPDES Construction workshop at the end of the month. The workshop will also satisfy an NPDES recommendation for contractor training by municipalities.

7. Advisory Board Reports:

A. LUAB: LUAB reviewed two items submitted by East Hempfield Township and the City of Lancaster at the 5/3/12 meeting.

B. GPAB: A quorum was not established at the 5/7/12 GPAB meeting, therefore minutes were not recorded.

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

- Mr. Arnold inquired about current issues associated with animal control. It is understood the Humane League has very limited funding due to a number of municipalities establishing independent programs. Mr. Krimmel indicated East Hempfield Township's program has not been as laborious for police personnel as possibly anticipated. The township also contracts with a kennel to house dogs temporarily. There have been no issues to date with persons not claiming dogs, or at least finding a home for a dog. Mr. LaSala will follow up with the Humane League to ascertain conditions of the organization.

9. Old Business:

A. Associate Membership Structure: A short discussion ensued regarding a potential associate membership structure. Primary points discussed are as follows:

- It is recommended the title of associate member is an "honorary title," and no contributions would be anticipated from an associate member.
- The title allows the associate member to participate in certain LIMC programs.
- An amendment to the original agreement would be presented establishing the associate membership structure.
- Municipalities would not be eligible for associate member status. At this time, it is felt associate member eligibility would be limited to governmental and quasi-governmental organizations.

- At this time, the idea of the associate membership will be deferred to individual LIMC municipalities for further discussion at a later date.

10. New Business:

A. Regional Traffic Signal Maintenance Program: A discussion ensued regarding a potential regional traffic signal maintenance program. Primary points discussed included:

- This type of program can be considered a “nuts-n-bolts” COG program. The COG is an intergovernmental cooperation agreement in itself. The COG is the coordinating entity and control of the program is in the hands of the municipalities participating.
- Currently, further participation or development of a program is under review by the several municipalities that met regarding options.
- The program does not require all LIMC members to participate. Furthermore, the program can be tailored to meet the needs and concerns of individual municipalities participating in the program.
- A part of the program would entail shared use of the City’s traffic signal technician for maintenance purposes.
- Several benefits from such a program include reduced overhead costs in a contractor’s costs for Division 1 items such as insurance.
- A fund could be generated within the LIMC for the program, which includes oversight by the municipalities to account for costs. However, accounting could be left to individual municipalities, or several could choose to self-account and a group within the program could establish the fund within the LIMC.

B. Potential Equipment Purchase Options: Mr. LaSala indicated the several road masters expressed an interest in a regional mulch blower truck for use by the member municipalities. Preliminary reviews revealed such a truck may cost around \$90,000 to purchase. A plausible option would also be a trailer-mounted version that may cost around \$30,000. Purchase would include equal shares of participating municipalities in such a program. Use costs would be developed and pro-rated on actual use. In principle, interest was expressed in a possible purchase. The LIMC will complete a more thorough analysis to ascertain the feasibility of a mulch blower truck (or similar) purchase.

11. Other Business:

A. Matter of Record

- a. The next regular LIMC monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 7:30 am at East Petersburg Borough.

B. Items of Interest

- a. WORKSHOP/SEMINAR: Sustainable Stormwater Financing & TMDL Strategies; May 14, 2012 at Harrisburg Holiday Inn & Hotel; 8:30 am - 3:30 pm.

12. Adjournment: Chair Wasong adjourned the meeting at 8:40 am.