

LANCASTER INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR LIMC MONTHLY MEETING

Date and Time: June 11, 2014, 7:30AM

Place: Columbia Borough

Attendance:

Columbia Borough: Leo Lutz, Samuel Sulkesky, Mary Wickersheim, Mike Beury
East Lampeter Township: Ralph Hutchison
Lancaster City: Charlotte Katzenmoyer
Lancaster Township: Kathy Wasong
Manor Township: Amber Green, Ryan Strohecker
Millersville Borough: Jim Stager, Ed Arnold
Mountville Borough: Phil Kresge
West Hempfield Township: Ron Youtz
West Lampeter Township: DeeDee McGuire
Others: Michael LaSala, LandStudies; Roy Baldwin, McCormack Taylor; Tim Miller, Downtown Inc/York; Ashley Rebert, DCNR; Dave Stewart, Capital Region Water; Nathan Flood, DCNR; Tim Fulton, Downtown Inc/York; Jack Longstreet, City of York; Mike Kyle, LASA

1. **Call to Order:** Ms. Green called the meeting to order at 7:31AM and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Establish Quorum:** Through roll call, nine (9) voting members were present and quorum was established for any action.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Hutchison moved, Mr. Stager seconded the motion, and the minutes of the May 14, 2014 meeting were approved.
4. **Public Comment:**
 - A. **General:** There were no public comments.
 - B. **City of Lancaster GI Plan Update:** Ms. Katzenmoyer provided an overview of the current status of the city's implementation of the GI Plan and corresponding stormwater management endeavors. Primary presentation/discussion points included:
 - Lancaster City is one of approximately 700 CSO communities across the United States.
 - Outfalls are metered and approximately 750 million gallons of overflow are measured annually. About 80% is captured by the WWTP with 20% in overflows.
 - Original plan for gray infrastructure upgrades was estimated to cost approximately \$300 million back in 1998. Through green infrastructure, the city is anticipating costs only around \$140 million.
 - Green infrastructure realized a boost in areas where water is tied to the economy such as Portland, OR.

- 48% of the city is comprised of impervious areas.
- The 6th ward park project manages approximately 700,000 gallons per year of stormwater runoff. The cost of the project was about \$0.10/gallon. Gray infrastructure upgrades were estimated to have cost approximately \$0.23/gallon.
- The Brandon Park project manages approximately 4 million gallons per year at a cost of \$0.15/gallon.
- For road improvement projects, the addition of GI into the project is a recurring objective.
- Approximately 160 projects have been constructed or designed to date, and manage about 45 million gallons of stormwater runoff through 2015.
- The city's stormwater utility is active. It is based on amount of impervious area.
- An assistance program has been set-up for private property owners to help implement GI on their properties. The program offers a one-time, up to 90% of the funding, assistance. Additionally, a credit is realized against the fee as well.
- Primary lessons learned include:
 - Important to have political support from the beginning of considerations.
 - Lead by example.
 - Public education is critical for success.
 - "grants, grants, grants"
 - Integrate infrastructure as much as possible.
- City staff will perform most of the maintenance needed for facilities implemented.
- Salt use is reduced on porous paving during the winter months.
- Think more locally in lieu of concentrating on the Chesapeake Bay from a communication standpoint.
- The possibility of a consent order from the EPA is still real.

5. Reports and Actions:

A. Treasurer's Report(s) - April 2014

Ms. McGuire moved, Mr. Lutz seconded the motion, and the treasurer's report for April 2014 was approved.

B. Conestoga Greenway Plaque: A brief summary was provided regarding the purchase of a plaque and boulder for the placement along the greenway. An allowance of \$2,359 was requested based on pricing received to date. The group agreed in the principle there is a desire to have a dedication ceremony, and possibly in August. Mr. Hutchison moved, Ms. Wasong seconded the motion, and an allowance of \$2,359 was approved for purchasing a plaque and boulder.

6. Other Reports:

A. Director's Report: A brief summary was provided of the content in the June 2014 Director's Report. Primary points expressed included:

- The LIMC office move has been completed, as in all items in the government center have been relocated to the Adams House at Millersville University. Set-up of the new office will take several weeks.
- The potential for a SWM database utilizing LCCD's database are moving ahead. Several issues need to be flushed out, but conversations are on-going.

B. LUAB Report: An update was provided regarding the recent LUAB meeting in which the 2017 comp plan update was the primary topic. Mr. LaSala recommended the group acquire a “bus driver” to move the update planning stages ahead.

7. **Municipal Exchange:** Discussion and comments were made regarding the following items:
 - A discussion and presentation regarding Act 111 changes will be held 6/12 at 10am. Mr. Hutchison will be providing testimony. Copies of the notices are on the table with the agenda if anyone is interested in attending.
8. **Old Business:**
 - A. **LIMC TTAC:** Due to time constraints, this item was tabled until a later time.
9. **New Business**
 - A. **Hotel/Motel Ordinance:** Due to time constraints, this item was tabled until a later time.
10. **Other Business:**
 - A. **Matter of Record:** The next LIMC meeting will be held Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at Lancaster Township.
11. **Adjournment:** Vice Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 9:06AM.