

**LANCASTER INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR LIMC MONTHLY MEETING**

**Date and Time:** June 13, 2012, 7:30AM

**Place:** East Petersburg Borough

**Attendance:**

Columbia Borough:	Leo Lutz
East Hempfield Township:	John Bingham, Mark Stivers
East Lampeter Township:	John Blowers, Ralph Hutchison
East Petersburg Borough:	Robin Hemperly, Herbert Mattern, John Wolf
Lancaster City:	James Reichenbach
Lancaster Township:	Kathy Wasong
Manheim Township:	
Manor Township:	
Millersville Borough:	Ed Arnold
Mountville Borough:	Francis Zimmer
West Hempfield Township:	Ron Youtz, Kent Gardner
West Lampeter Township:	James Kalenich, DeeDee McGuire
Others:	Roy Baldwin, McCormick Taylor; Michael LaSala, LIMC

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Wasong called the meeting to order at 7:30AM and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Establish Quorum and Introduction of Guests:** Through roll call, ten voting members were present and quorum was established for action and major action. All persons present introduced themselves.
3. **Minutes:** Mr. Arnold moved, Mr. Gardner seconded the motion, and the minutes of the May 9, 2012 meeting were approved.
4. **Public Comment:** There were no public comments.
5. **Reports and Actions:**
  - A. **Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Bingham moved, Mr. Reichenbach seconded the motion, and the May 2012 treasurer's report was approved.
  - B. **Mulch Blower Truck Analysis:** A short review of the provided analysis was completed. West Lampeter Township, Lancaster Township, and the City of Lancaster expressed interest in reviewing a potential purchase in more depth. East Petersburg indicated substantial savings were realized when the borough subcontracted out mulch applications this past year. A more in depth review will be conducted regarding comparisons with subcontracting and municipal lease options. Mr. LaSala requested municipalities to let him know by next Friday any interest in the equipment.
  - C. **Humane League:** Mr. LaSala indicated Joan Brown of the Humane League does not feel the total amount of municipal fees as measured against the total Humane League budget warrants

representation on the Humane League board. The idea of a municipal liaison appears plausible at this time. A discussion ensued regarding past attempts to ascertain a cost per animal scenario with the Humane League. Additional follow-up will be completed. East Hempfield Township indicated they are ½ year into their program for dogs, and have not encountered any problems at this time.

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

- The Tetra Tech proposal developed via the LCCWC is nearly complete for the WIP Phase II strategic plan.
- Feedback has been received from the DEP regarding the Good Housekeeping BMP Manual. Feedback from the EPA is anticipated as well.
- A golf outing is planned for June 21<sup>st</sup> at Four Seasons as a rain date from the annual dinner golf outing.
- A Road Masters Forum will be held next week on June 19.
- Information was provided relative to public education for MS4 Annual Reports. It should be noted that events attended by officers or the ED of the LIMC can be referenced by individual municipalities for compliance as long as summary presentation or notes are provided.

**7. Advisory Board Reports:**

**A. LUAB:** LUAB reviewed two items submitted by Lancaster Township and Manheim Township at the 6/7/12 meeting. Mr. Reichenbach moved, Mr. Zimmer seconded the motion, and the LIMC approved attaching the internal review summary checklists completed by LIMC to determination letters.

**B. GPAB:** The group has decided to table the way-finding signage program at this time. The group cancelled the July meeting due to conflicts with the Fourth of July holiday, and will meet again in August.

**C. UCC Board of Appeals:** Mr. LaSala conveyed the discussion with Hartman, Underhill, and Brubaker regarding the Commonwealth Court case regarding Middletown Township in Delaware County and the regional board of appeals in that county. A difference can be seen between the Delaware County board and the Central Lancaster County board in that the Lancaster County municipalities involved created the board and are involved in the board; whereas Middletown Township delegated to the board in that locale. Middletown Township does not plan to appeal the court's decision. Follow-up will be conducted with Senator Smucker regarding the state's efforts to address the issue. Mr. LaSala indicated it does not appear the LIMC is listed in the documentation and ordinances for the board of appeals to provide administrative support, but has historically done so. It was agreed in principle to develop a resolution to address this item.

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

- Ms. Wasong indicated Bob Demarais, a long-time previous chair of LUAB and member of Lancaster Township Planning Commission is stepping down.
- Mr. Blowers requested we review in more depth the issues associated with utilities crossing municipal boundaries and corresponding lack of a unified approach. The Route 23 corridor project under way was provided as an example, as the project crosses 3 municipal boundaries. A unified approach for transportation and utilities should be

identified. Solutions are unknown at this time, but should be pursued. Mr. LaSala will look into this issue in more detail.

- Ms. McGuire indicated the recent arbitration regarding the police contract resulted in a “fair” contract. There were several changes that provided relief, but kept the actual benefit. Mr. Hutchison indicated the result of East Lampeter’s arbitration was much different and provided substantial raises to the officers. The group agreed in principle the issue is the system itself and the arbitrators involved at times.
- Mr. Gardner indicated the Little Conestoga Watershed Association has received a \$400,000 NFWF grant. At this time, there is availability of \$40,000 “walk-up” grants with NFWF as well that do not require matching funds. The LIMC has significant input with the LCCWC now as well with participation from Mr. Gardner, Mr. Bingham, Ms. McGuire, and Mr. LaSala. No concerns were raised regarding the LIMC possibly renting space to LCCWC staff if that situation presents itself.

**9. Old Business:**

**A. Associate Membership Structure:** A discussion ensued regarding a potential associate membership structure including a brief summary of last month’s discussion. Primary points discussed are as follows:

- The idea of a fee is still under review, but agreed in principle to be less than \$600.
- The group agreed in principle to limit such potential members as governmental or quasi-governmental entities.
- Utilities should be involved, but it would be more plausible to hold a separate meeting with utilities in lieu of the LIMC meeting to discuss concerns and coordination.
- A more detailed associate membership structure will be presented for review at the next meeting.

**10. New Business:**

**A. Transportation Coordination Division Amendment:** A discussion ensued regarding the potential amendment to the LIMC Agreement. Primary points discussed included:

- Intergovernmental cooperation requires enacting an ordinance.
- The amendment spells out those items relative to transportation and public works where cooperation can move ahead.
- Certain items may require another ordinance, but the LIMC Agreement has already been enacted by ordinance. Therefore, simple agreements may be all that is required for certain items spelled out in the amendment.
- Conversations are continuing with Hartman, Underhill, and Brubaker regarding requirements for adoption and other considerations.

**B. 2013 LIMC Program Plan:** An overview of the program plan was provided. A primary purpose is to outline all programs for 2013 along with budgetary considerations. The timing for releasing the draft at this time is the want to “stay ahead of the curve.” Focus was afforded to the potential regional Public Education program for MS4 Permits as an example. The actual draft version will be provided in late July. Not all LIMC municipalities are required to participate in programs in listed. That choice is up to individual municipalities.

**C. Outfall Mapping Program Amendment:** Additional comments from Hartman, Underhill, and Brubaker are needed at this time. Therefore, this item will be deferred to next month’s meeting.

**D. Armstrong Walking Bridge:** Mr. Reichenbach indicated the rezoning for the “Meds and Eds” campus off of Harrisburg Pike has been approved. Within the site, is the existing walking bridge over the Norfolk Southern tracks that provided access to Armstrong. LGH indicated they will not “trash” the bridge and would donate it. The issue is finding a new home for the bridge. This item will remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

**11. Other Business:**

**A. Matter of Record**

- a. The next regular LIMC monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 7:30 am in the City of Lancaster.

**12. Adjournment:** Chair Wasong adjourned the meeting at 8:49 am.