

LANCASTER INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR LIMC MONTHLY MEETING

Date and Time: August 8, 2012, 7:30 am

Place: East Hempfield Township

Attendance:

Columbia Borough:	Leo Lutz, Norm Meiskey
East Hempfield Township:	Mark Stivers, Bob Krimmel
East Lampeter Township:	John Blowers, Ralph Hutchison
East Petersburg Borough:	
Lancaster City:	
Lancaster Township:	Kathy Wasong, Tom Daniels
Manheim Township:	Albert Kling
Manor Township:	Barry Smith, Al Kreider
Millersville Borough:	Ed Arnold
Mountville Borough:	
West Hempfield Township:	Kent Gardner
West Lampeter Township:	James Kalenich, DeeDee McGuire
Others:	Roy Baldwin, McCormick Taylor; Mary Gattis, LCPC; Mike Kyle, LASA; Ralph Goodno, LCC; Dan Good, LCC; Mark Gutshall, LandStudies; Michael LaSala, LIMC

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Wasong called the meeting to order at 7:34AM 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. Lutz moved, Mr. Gardner seconded the motion, and the minutes of the July 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. Kling seconded the motion, and the July 2012 treasurer's report was approved.
 - B. **Mulch Blower Equipment Analysis Update:** Mr. LaSala indicated several comments were received after the distribution of the update. A common theme amongst the comments was the idea of a joint municipal lease appears viable and beneficial, but the mulch blower may not be the appropriate piece of equipment for such a venture. Other potential equipment, such as a pathway paver, will be discussed with the Road Masters at the next forum.
6. **Executive Director's Report:** The following items were discussed from the August 2012 ED report:

- Conversations with DEP
 - Review and discussions with Ken Murin and Jen Orr regarding the NPDES Permit approval process for construction are ongoing.
 - Met with Deputy Secretary Kelly Heffner regarding LIMC activities and potential initiatives as it relates to stormwater offsets, nutrient trading, and benefit stacking. DEP indicated a “want” for control of offsets at the local government level, with nutrient trading more dictated by the free market.
- Froelich Park BMP Demonstration Site Project
 - Project development is in the preliminary stages.
 - Per conversations with DEP, the project may be used as a pilot for helping determine the offset program.
- Amendments to the Agreement
 - Attended a meeting at East Hempfield to answer questions regarding the proposed amendments.
 - The ED will be attending the West Lampeter Township meeting on Monday to answer any questions.
- PEOB/PIPP Templates
 - A regional public education program has been listed on the ED Report for several months for consideration after the completion of the Good Housekeeping Manual.
 - Based on a survey of several LIMC municipalities, a written template for both public education and public participation may be necessary. An exercise similar to the endeavor to produce the Good Housekeeping BMP Manual can be conducted. Such an exercise would not be as intense as the work needed to produce the Good Housekeeping manual.
 - Mr. Meiskey moped, Mr. Gardner seconded the motion, and the production of a Public Education and Outreach Plan manual & template and Public Involvement and Participation Plan manual & template for MCM #1 and MCM #2 compliance for an issued MS4 Permit was approved.
- Municipal/Utility Work Exchange
 - Program guidelines are currently under development and anticipate introduction of the program guidelines in September.
 - PennDOT and LASA have indicated willingness to participate. More follow-up is required with PP&L and UGI for participation.
- Police Chiefs Forum
 - The forum is scheduled for next Friday, August 17 at East Hempfield Township. Approximately half of the LIMC chiefs have indicated attendance.

7. Advisory Board Reports:

A. LUAB: LUAB did not meet in August due to a lack of submissions.

B. GPAB: GPAB met, but minutes were not taken due to a lack of a quorum.

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

- Mr. Blowers indicated Paradise Township will close Route 30 for approximately 3 ½ hours on Saturday, September 15.
 - East Lampeter did indicate a concern with Paradise from a regional standpoint as a shutdown will impact multiple municipalities. However, the plan is still in effect to shut Route 30 down.

- The current detour planned follows Route 741.
- East Lampeter will provide a copy of the detour plan to the LIMC for anyone interested in reviewing it.
- Mr. Kreider indicated work associated with Enola low-grade is moving ahead.
 - On Monday, the board approved a \$511,000 contract for a fence along the trail.
- Mr. Lutz indicated the 2nd annual Chiques Challenge will take place on Saturday.
 - The group will run on the NW trail and kayak in the river in the vicinity of Chiques Rock.
 - There are discussions of possibly adding another component of the challenge that would include bikes. The hope would be the bike race portion would follow the river down to the Manor Township trails if a connection can be made.

9. Old Business:

A. 2013 LIMC Program Plan: A discussion ensued regarding the draft version of the 2013 Program Plan. Primary points discussed are as follows:

- The current version is the working version and was released at the end of July.
- A primary purpose for distributing the plan at this time was to present potential budget numbers to individual municipalities before they begin preparing 2013 budgets.
- Several comments received could be summed up as “sticker shock” based on the numbers provided for individual municipal contributions. It was felt to be more appropriate to present the actual costs of potential programs versus adjusting for historical contribution rates.
- If the current contribution rates are followed for existing LIMC costs, reserves will be exhausted by the end of 2013.
- The draft version should not be considered the final document. It can be considered a “menu” to a certain degree as the plan outlines potential programs. Participation is up to the individual municipalities.
- A primary change from the preliminary draft version is the inclusion of a regional MS4 “person” based on conversations from the Road Masters Forum. Assumptions had to be made as the plan contemplates 9 of the 12 municipalities participating. However, actual participation is up to the individual municipalities.
- Comments and recommendations should be forwarded to the ED for final review and preliminary final version development.
- Current milestone dates include:
 - 9/12/12: Update list of potential programs
 - 10/10/12: Present preliminary final version

B. Animal Control: Ms. Wasong had several communications via e-mail with Joan Brown of the Humane League. The Humane League believes there will be a conflict of interest with municipal representation on the board per information from the Attorney General and other state-level documents. In turn, the board voted against municipal representation on the board. An inquiry will be made if the Humane League board meetings are open to the public as well. The group agreed in principle that if there is a conflict of interest, certain protocols can be followed to “make it work out.”

10. New Business:

A. Lancaster County Conservancy Presentation: Mr. Goodno and Mr. Good of the LCC provided a presentation via the overhead projector regarding the LCC and the Urban Forest Center. Primary points of the presentation included:

- The LCC has been in operation for over 42 years.

- As a result of the LCC's work, over 4800 acres of land is protected in Lancaster County.
- Program areas of the LCC include land protection, education, stewardship, and LIVE Green (urban focus, City of Lancaster)
- Current projects of the LCC include the Welsh Mountain Preserve Areas and Use and TreeVitalize.
- The Urban Forest Center will be located in East Hempfield Township and will serve as both headquarters for the LCC and an educational campus. Points presented regarding the center include:
 - The location is owned by the Solid Waste Authority. Its previous land use history includes forest, farming, quarry, and a landfill.
 - LCC plans to restore a bulk of the property back to a forest.
 - Construction will follow the Living Building Challenge which requires a net change in energy and water use.
 - Conversations are underway with LGH in finding ways to connect the health campus to the center.
 - A collaboration center and an education center are currently planned.
 - A Nature Play Area, an area where "kids can get their hands dirty," is also planned. A sledding hill is being contemplated as well.
 - A solar array is planned.
 - A comprehensive tree house system is currently in the plans that will allow a more intimate interaction for people and the canopy of the trees.
 - Current timelines call for opening phase 1 of the project by 2015.
 - The LCC will forward a copy of the current plans to the LIMC if anyone is interested in reviewing them.
 - Currently, it is anticipated there will be educational programs that would involve large groups of children.

B. Tetra Tech Strategic Plan for Lancaster County: Mr. Gutshall of LandStudies and the Clean Water Consortium provided a presentation and review of the proposed Strategic Action Plan for WIP compliance for Lancaster County. Primary points presented and discussed included:

- Information was provided regarding EPA and DEP conversations with potential non-compliance ramifications.
- Permit holders will be accountable for reductions not met.
- PA is different from other states in that the WIP is addressed by the counties in other states. This exercise is necessary for the stakeholders in the county to address the WIP.
- The proposed plan is the first comprehensive pilot in the state. The state and county will be advisors to the development team.
- The Consortium requested assistance from the DEP and EPA for the development of a plan. In turn, the DEP and EPA are providing funding and a contractor (Tetra Tech) to develop the plan.
- The plan will attempt to address innovative approaches including floodplain restoration, benefit stacking, and additional retrofit BMPs. Development will require stakeholder input.
- The group agreed in principle in that any input or recommendations developed in the plan cannot become regulatory targets.
- A primary possibility through the development of the plan, and in conjunction with the Froelich Park project, is the establishment of preliminary guidelines for benefit stacking and offsets. Ms. Gattis is a member of the state's offset committee and indicated guideline development is underway.

- The group agreed in principle to participate at this time. MS4 Reports are currently being forwarded to allow Tetra Tech to become familiar with the stakeholders. Mr. LaSala indicated several have been received, but has not forwarded them until this item was addressed as a group.

11. Other Business:

A. Matter of Record

- a. The next regular LIMC monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 7:30 am at Manheim Township.

B. Items of Interest

- a. *Blueprints* (The Lancaster County Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP)) was released for a 45-day public comment period on 7/23/12. A copy of the plan can be reviewed at the LCPC's website. A copy is also on the LIMC's website under the "Stormwater Management" tab.

- b. The Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium (LCCWC) will host three free seminars this fall:

- i. **Clean Water 101** will be held September 13 and will focus on the current state of waters in Lancaster County along with information regarding stream quality assessment standards and TMDL's.
- ii. **Clean Water 201** will be held on October 11 and will focus on sharing of information regarding current and planned municipal endeavors as it relates to clean streams and drinking water.
- iii. **Clean Water 301** will be held November 8 and will focus on source water protection programs for municipalities.

All seminars will be 9:00 am to noon at the Farm & Home Center. Registration information will be available on the LCCWC's website at www.lccwc.com.

- c. NPDES CONSTRUCTION SITE STORMWATER RUNOFF CONTROL WORKSHOP; presented by the LIMC; Tuesday, September 18, 2012; 8:30 am - 2:00 pm; Farm & Home Center; Cost \$60; more information at www.thelimc.org

12. Adjournment: Chair Wasong adjourned the meeting at 9:23 am.