

**PENNS VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2016**

PRESENT:

Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission

Centre Hall	Pat Krisch
Gregg Township	Joel Meyers and Charles Stover
Haines Township	
Miles Township	Ron Hough
Millheim Borough	Sharon Heckman
Penn Township	
Potter Township	Jake Tanis and Ron Grove

Other:

Centre County Planning and Community Development Office	Linda Marshall
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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Grove called the March 21, 2016 meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES

Mr. Grove called for additions or corrections to the January 18, 2016 meeting notes of the Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Tanis moved to approve the January 18, 2016 meeting notes, as written. Mr. Hough seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Grove read the Treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$360.99 in the Treasury with the only expenditure being the legal ad for the 2016 Meeting Schedule, which was \$52.73.

Secretary Report

No report.

REPORTS:

Centre Hall Borough

No report.

Gregg Township

Mr. Meyers reported that Mr. Russ Brooks will be chairing the Gregg 2025 Committee and Mr. Jamie Felker will serve Vice Chair.

Haines Township

No report.

Miles Township

Mr. Hough reported that the Township received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant funding to replace a water main. The project will be under construction this summer. He also noted that a lunch meeting with Reddington Farm, a bottle milk company, was recently held to address treatment of dairy cows.

Millheim Borough

Ms. Heckman reported that the Borough is waiting for West Penn Power to switch out leased street lights to LED and that the Borough is still doing battle with DEP (PA Department of Environmental Protection).

Penn Township

No report.

Potter Township

Messrs. Grove and Tanis reported that nothing has changed in the Township other than they are purchasing another truck.

They noted that the Planning Commission is working on revising the land area for the Source Water Protection Plan. Mr. Grove stated that the Planning Commission is looking at the four water sources in the township and commented that one of the sources is overprotected while there are no protections for the other three. Specific to the Homan Wellfield area, a comment was made that the area is restrictive and that a property owner cannot do anything within that zone. The restricted area encompasses lands from Indian Lane to Tusseyville Road. Mr. Grove concluded by stating that there are a lot of legal problems that will have to be dealt with.

OLD BUSINESS

-Tri-Municipal Park and Recreation Committee Report

The officials were under the understanding that the cell tower was signed off on.

Mr. Meyers stated that he will meet with Jersey Shore State Bank to open up a line of credit for the parking area that will be constructed by Central Pennsylvania Institute of Technology. He added that the Tri-Municipal Park Committee needs to spell out what the line of credit is for so that they can move forward with projects.

Mr. Meyers commented that he hopes the Park Committee can establish a water garden in the park.

-Regional Comprehensive Plan Implementation

-Review of Land Use Maps

Ms. Marshall distributed maps and explained the process for reviewing the Existing Land Use Map for each Penns Valley municipality as well as updating the Future Land Use Maps, forecasting future land use to the year 2026. The exercise is the next step in the

process of updating the Regional Comprehensive Plan. The Commission members were also provided with step-by-step instructions for the exercise, land use classifications and descriptions as well as examples of inconsistencies.

The Commission was asked to complete the review and bring the maps to the May 16th meeting.

The members asked Ms. Marshall to email this information to the municipal secretaries so that it can be disseminated to the municipal officials.

-Discuss the municipal review of the Goals

Ms. Marshall stated that the Commission members are being asked to consider municipal and regional priorities for each Goal Category or any new category that you or the Commission would like to recommend. The priorities should be based on what the region or each municipality believe would be important goals to accomplish over the next ten years. The intent is to develop an implementable comprehensive plan.

Ms. Marshall will also provide the Commission with the Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission's new set of goals as part of the process of updating their plan.

Since time was limited, Ms. Marshall stated that she will email the members on this matter to be discussed at the May 16th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Marshall provided the Commission with an update on the SR 45 Safety Study. She noted the study elements and explained that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will soon be developing a report that outlines the suggested improvements that the Department would be prepared to implement. The Department will also compile a list of potential improvements that could be considered by the municipalities.

Ms. Marshall brought to the Commission's attention the postcard mailed to Penns Valley residents from the Penns Valley Area School District in regard to the Master Planning for the Junior and Senior High School.

Mr. Tanis stated that Ms. Melissa Krum, School Director, had attended the Potter Township Board of Supervisors meeting to talk about the Master Plan with the township's officials. The school district representatives will be attending the municipal meetings for the Penns Valley Region. The Planning Commission members present stated that the school district had not attended their municipal meetings as of March 21st.

A discussion occurred as to what the school district's proposed project entails.

Mr. Tanis stated that he had invited Ms. Krum to attend the Regional Planning Commission meeting; however, she was not present.

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Ms. Krisch informed the Commission that the Centre Hall Library would like to expand its facility due to the number of home school students utilizing the library.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were none.

FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mr. Tanis moved to adjourn the March 21, 2016 meeting of the Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Hough seconded the motion. The motion carried.