

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee Meeting Minutes

The LIMC meeting was held at the Manor Township Municipal Building located at 950 West Fairway Drive, Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

Attendees: Barry Kauffman (Manheim Township), Andrew Stern (West Hempfield Township), Ryan Strohecker (Manor Township), Michelle Smith (Manor Township), Lauren Hauck (Millersville Borough), Kent Gardner (West Hempfield Township), Bill Laudien (Lancaster Township), Stephen Campbell (City of Lancaster), Violet De Stefano (LCEMA), Alex Rohrbaugh (LCPC), David Buckwalter (East Lampeter Township), James Drumm (Manheim Township), Mike Kyle (LASA) and Iber Guerrero Lopez (Lancaster Township).

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Financial Report – Bill Laudien entertained a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and financial report from April 14, 2021. Andrew Stern so motioned, Stephen Campbell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Guest Participation – Violet De Stefano introduced herself and discussed her position as Health and Medical Preparedness Coordinator for Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency. Ms. De Stefano explained the services and support they offer to municipalities. The agency not only coordinates emergency responses, they also assist with planning. The contact information for Ms. De Stefano is: Office – 717-664-1207 or Email – vdestefano@lancema.us.

Old Business

Public Works LIMC Meeting – The first meeting was held last month and there was productive dialog between attendees. The meeting provided a place for municipalities to discuss challenges and shared services. They will continue to meet on a quarterly basis.

LCATS Meeting – There were no updates.

HB 957 – Mike Kyle provided an update on how this bill will impact LASA. The bill addresses multi-unit properties and will significantly reduce LASA's revenue. Many letters of opposition were received, and the bill is being negotiated. Mr. Kyle went on the discuss SB 597 and SB 310. LASA is working to obtain clarity on these bills and is willing to send out information to stakeholders.

LCPC – Alex Rohrbaugh commented that the Lancaster County Planning Commission recently ended a Places 2040 workshop series. The next workshop series will begin in the fall and it will focus on housing choice and community amenities. LCPC has teams working to develop Places 2040 tools that deal with Official Maps and Regional Framework Maps. There is also a Simplify Zoning team working on strategies for zoning.

New Business

Senators Attending LIMC Meetings – Bill Laudien reported that Senator Martin and Senator Aument are interested in attending LIMC meetings. They were not able to attend today's in-person meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Hold The Room – LIMC meetings are designed to finish by 9:00 a.m. A suggestion was made to have the hosting municipality hold the room for an additional 30 minutes to allow for continued discussion if members need more one-on-one engagement.

CLC – Andrew Stern provided an update on the Central Lancaster COG. Most members of this group are now a part of LIMC, so a lot of the information is redundant. East Petersburg Borough does not want to join LIMC because of the cost. CLC is considering the suspension of their meetings and activities.

Municipal Exchange

Iber Guerrero Lopez, Lancaster Township, provided an update on the gas and water line replacement. A 54-unit apartment building was approved last month and they are in the process of selling a church.

Stephen Campbell, Lancaster City, reported that construction is underway for two new fire stations. The West King Street station was completed a few weeks ago and is currently occupied. Construction of the East King Street station will begin shortly. They are making progress on the search for a permanent Police Chief. The overnight water main repair was successful and they are in the first phase of renovations to City Hall.

James Drumm and Barry Kauffman, Manheim Township, reported they are getting ready to take on a stormwater issue. A consultant has been hired and the Township is looking to implement a stormwater fee. The Township is working through ARFA funds and are in the process of evaluating emergency services. Manheim Township is looking to adopt an Ordinance to develop a Youth Council. They are reconfiguring the Health Board proposal and need to address the sewer issue. The Township is discussing a financial partnership with the Little Conestoga Greenway project.

Andrew Stern, West Hempfield Township, discussed the stormwater fee that the Township will be implementing on July 1st. They will be offering a discount to residential properties and farmers. West Hempfield Township has adopted a TDR program. The Township has developed a program that allows a developer to buy a virtual TDR as they are running out of farmers willing to sell the rights.

David Buckwalter, East Lampeter Township, reported a zoning change that recently occurred for the Locust Grove school property. The Restaurant Store purchased the property and plans to use the facility for additional office space, childcare amenities and employee fitness centers. The Heritage Pathway project and Route 30 Streetscape project are moving forward.

Lauren Hauck, Millersville Borough, stated that they recently put out an RFP for a comp plan. Council voted to apply for the PA DEP Climate Action program and they will know the results in July. Ms. Hauck shared concerns about succession planning for the Borough.

Ryan Strohecker, Manor Township, shared about a stormwater problem that was an issue between municipalities. It was a unique situation that required creative problem solving. Mr. Strohecker discussed the Public Works Forum that took place earlier this week. The Manor Township Public Works Director gave a presentation on the value of doing stormwater water projects in house. The Township is looking to partner with a developer to complete a streambank restoration project along the West Branch of the Little Conestoga.

Bill Laudien, Lancaster Township, added that District 8 is down 20 employees and has experienced a change in leadership. The Township has been successful with shared services as a result of these changes.

There was collective discussion about PennDOT Traffic Light Agreements and franchise opportunities with Shentel.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 a.m.