

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2021

The LIMC meeting was held at the West Hempfield Township Municipal Building located at 3476 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Mark Stivers (Columbia Borough)
Cindy Schweitzer (East Hempfield Township)
Tara Hitchens (East Lampeter Township)
Ethan Demme (East Lampeter Township)
Mike Kyle (LASA)
Stephen Campbell (Lancaster City)
Jess King (Lancaster City)
Ray D'Agostino (Lancaster County)
Alex Rohrbaugh (Lancaster County Planning)
Lisa Riggs (Lancaster County EDC)
Iber Guerrero Lopez (Lancaster Township)
Bill Laudien, LIMC Chair (Lancaster Township)
Barry Kauffman (Manheim Township)
Ryan Strohecker, LIMC Vice-Chair (Manor Township)
Colin Strohecker (Manor Township)
Lauren Hauck, LIMC Treasurer (Millersville Borough)
E. John Hlavacek (Pequea Township)
Andrew Stern, LIMC Secretary (West Hempfield Township)
Kent Gardner (West Hempfield Township)
Dwayne Steager (West Hempfield Township)
David Dumeyer (West Hempfield Township)
Rob Munro (West Hempfield Township)
Ed Fisher (West Hempfield Township)
Barry Hershey (West Lampeter Township)
DeeDee McGuire (West Lampeter Township)

Chairman Laudien called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Guests

Chairman Laudien introduced our guest Pennsylvania Senator Ryan Aument (36th) representing northern Lancaster County, including the Townships of Brecknock, Caernarvon, Clay, Conoy, Earl, East Cocalico, East Donegal, East Earl, East Hempfield, Elizabeth, Ephrata, Mount Joy, Penn, Rapho, Warwick, West Cocalico, West Donegal, West Earl and West Hempfield and the

Boroughs of Adamstown (Lancaster County Portion), Akron, Columbia, Denver, East Petersburg, Elizabethtown, Ephrata, Lititz, Manheim, Marietta, Mount Joy, Mountville, New Holland and Terre Hill.

Senator Aument discussed several important topics, including vaccines and the Bi-Partisan Commission he serves on; Issues facing the hospitality industry; the high Pennsylvania Corporate Net Income Tax (CNI); emerging technologies such as unmanned drones; revisiting fireworks legislation; and the anticipated Federal Infrastructure Bill.

Chairman Laudien then introduced Lancaster County Commissioner Ray D'Agostino. Commissioner D'Agostino said a quick hello.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Financial Report

Chairman Laudien asked for a motion to accept the LIMC minutes from June 9, 2021. Kent Gardner so moved. Ryan Strohecker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Laudien asked for a motion to accept the LIMC August financials. Mark Stiver so moved. DeeDee McGuire seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Public Works LIMC Meeting – The next Public Works meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 8:00 am at the Maple Grove Building, 1420 Columbia Avenue, Lancaster. Breakfast will be provided.

New Business

UCC Board of Appeals – DeeDee McGuire discussed the status of the Appeals Board. She is working with a couple of municipalities to finalize a few updates. Once everything is complete she will work with Andrew Stern to get the information uploaded to the LIMC website so it is accessible to everyone.

County Health Board – Barry Kauffman and Jess King updated the group on their continued efforts to create a County Health organization. The Chamber of Commerce is currently conducting an analysis of public health and public health laws, which date back to 1951. Barry would like to elevate the discussion and create an intermunicipal task force. Several persons expressed concern that their municipal was not in support. Chairman Laudien pointed out that there is not a consensus amongst the LIMC members at this time. Perhaps once the Chamber study is out, we can revisit this topic. Barry indicated that at this point there are five municipalities in support- Lancaster City, Manheim Township, Columbia Borough, Millersville Borough, and Denver Borough. A few others have some level of interest and are awaiting more information.

Homelessness/Fireworks – Mark Stivers indicated that Senator Aument already addressed the fireworks issue. As for homelessness, he expressed concern about the growing number of homeless in Columbia Borough and the problem surrounding this. He would like to connect with any other municipality experiencing similar issues so they can work together on this.

Municipal Exchange

Columbia Borough: Mark Stivers announced that the borough voted to purchase the old McGinness Airport property in their Borough. They hope to make it a high-tech business park with an emphasis on unmanned drones and related businesses. They are seeking numerous partners and are looking at creating a ‘drone corridor’ on/adjacent to the Susquehanna River.

Lancaster County Planning: Alex Rohrbaugh reported that they are working on an Official Map template. They are also proceeding with the next round of Places2040 “Big Ideas / Great Places” work sessions, which will be held in October.

East Hempfield: Cindy Schweitzer had nothing new to report.

Manor Township: Ryan Strohecker had nothing new to report.

LASA: Mike Kyle reported that they are finalizing an agreement with Manor and the City to expand services. They are also working to expand south of Washington Borough. Mike also gave an update on HB957 which was adopted since the last LLIMC meeting and addresses how authorities bill multi-unit buildings. The adopted version of this bill will have an impact on LASA, but not as bad as prior drafts of this bill.

West Lampeter Township: DeeDee McGuire reported that several large properties are in the process of being sold and as such several large projects are anticipated in the near future. West Lampeter is putting their trash contract out to bid this fall. DeeDee asked other municipalities their thoughts on allowing private haulers rather than one single hauler. Lancaster Township just opened their bids and had a 50% rate increase. They rejected the bids and will be putting it back out to re-bid.

East Lampeter Township: Ethan Demme reported that the Bridgeport Mobility Study has been adopted by the Township. They approved a change to the housing allowances within the Business Park Zone. They have rebranded the Route 30 area near Dutch Wonderland as “Lincoln Highway – Lancaster”.

Lancaster Township: Iber Guerrero Lopez noted that the Township sold the Abbyville church for \$1.5 million (they had bought a church and considered using it, but decided to sell it).

West Hempfield Township: Andrew Stern had nothing new to report.

Manheim Township: Barry Kauffman reported that they are holding a workshop Monday night to discuss how they plan to spend their ARPA funds. They held a budget retreat last week to start discussion on their upcoming budget. They are trying to recruit new police officers, which has been challenging for many municipalities.

Millersville Borough: Lauren Hauck reported that they have contracted URDC to undertake their Comprehensive Plan update.

Pequea Township: E. John Hlavacek reported that he has concerns about stormwater management and flooding.

Lancaster County EDC: Lisa Riggs discussed their Broadband initiative that they are studying for the County.

Lancaster City: Jess King noted that the City is deep into their Comprehensive Plan process, the first for the City since 1993. Stephen Campbell reported that they are finishing several large projects this fall. They have had a few issues with suppliers for these projects.

The City of Lancaster has offered to host the October meeting. Additional information will be distributed closer to that time.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.