

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, February 12 at 7:30 a.m.

Attendees: Barry Kauffman, John Wenzel, Ralph Hutchison, Andrew Stern, Dee Dee McGuire, Ryan Strohecker, Michelle Smith, Anthony Cazillo, Lauren Hauck, Leo Lutz, Kent Gardner, Jess King, Cindy Schweitzer, Candie Johnson and Bill Laudien.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Financial Report – Bill Laudien entertained a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and financial report from December 11, 2019. Kent Gardner so motioned, Dee Dee McGuire seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business

Drug Task Force Update and Discussion – There was general discussion on where municipalities are with regards to the Drug Task Force. Dee Dee McGuire will reach out to Les Houck to get an update.

Active Transportation Plan Update – Ralph Hutchison reported that he is looking for a funding model for the Greenway Trail System.

Clean Water Consortium Update – The Clean Water Consortium is in the process of redoing their fee schedule and there is no need to worry about dues at the present time.

Cable Franchise Agreement Update – Municipalities have been in communication with Phil Fraga and are adopting ordinances to finalize the agreements.

New Business

Trick or Treat Night – There was discussion on making changes to the current policy. It was decided that this was not an item to be pursued and municipalities will continue to follow the policy that is in place.

Elected and Appointed Officials Training – Lancaster Township would be willing to host an evening training session for Boards and Commissions. The items to be discussed would include the structure of local government as it pertains to land use, planning and the MPC as well as The Sunshine Law. The training would be open to all elected and appointed officials. There was interest from the group and details will be released in the near future.

Advertising In The Central Penn Business Journal – Ralph Hutchison provided an update on advertising opportunities with The Central Penn Business Journal. He encouraged

municipalities to obtain a quote from Central Penn when an advertisement is placed and track the costs for three-four months.

UCC Board of Appeals Process – There was discuss on the UCC Appeals Process. It should be treated similar to a Zoning Hearing Board meeting. Municipalities would provide the meeting area and the UCC would send a chair to facilitate the Board of Appeals.

Website Update – LIMC is looking to update the website. It was agreed that the website should include more resources and the information needs to be refreshed. Andrew Stern offered to look into this project.

Municipal Exchange

Bill Laudien, Lancaster Township, provided a sewer update. He asked that municipalities send information to the city so they can compile a case and show how the delay is impacting development in the entire area. There is a hearing on February 21, 2020. Lancaster Township bought a church on Abbeyville Road and plans to move the Fire Station to this location.

Jess King, Lancaster City, provided an update on the fire station project that is being completed in conjunction with Manheim Township. She mentioned the benefit of joint planning on projects such as the Silk Mill project.

Dee Dee McGuire, West Lampeter Township, stated that the Board recently denied Willow Valley's request for rezoning. Wacker Brewing Company is looking to open a restaurant in the Township and they currently have the Sheetz and Starbucks projects underway.

Lauren Hauck, Millersville Borough, discussed the land development that is proposed at the intersection of Route 999 and Route 741. The proposal includes residential homes and shops. The land has not been sold and water permits have not yet been obtained.

Ryan Strohecker, Manor Township, thanked members for a productive meeting. Conversation was relevant and the meeting stayed on task. He provided an update of the Trail Gap Study that is currently underway.

Ralph Hutchison, East Lampeter Township, discussed the Lincoln Highway Streetscape Plan and the Bridgeport Mobility Plan. The Township is looking to hire a Stormwater Management Coordinator.

Andrew Stern, West Hempfield Township, reported that they recently had a First Amendment Audit. The Board of Supervisors created a Municipal Authority and he discussed the Route 462

Bridge Project and the impact that it will have on surrounding Townships. Hempfield Rec Center is developing programming in the parks.

Leo Lutz and Candie Johnson, Columbia Borough, provided an update on the River Trail and discussed the benefits that have resulted from increased trail usage. They continue to prioritize projects which include the Market House Project, Hotel Columbia, Hotel Locust and the Chip Factory. They are pursuing grant funding for the River Park project.

Cindy Schweitzer, East Hempfield Township, discussed the State Road and Centerville Road construction projects. The Penn State Health Hospital will open in 2022.

There was collective discussion about utilizing brine in place of road salt. The benefits were highlighted and several municipalities make their own brine.

The next meeting will be held on April 8, 2020 at West Lampeter Township. With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.