

# Venango County Regional Planning Commission

## Minutes

### Meeting, September 18, 2007

Those present at the public meeting of the Venango County Regional Planning Commission held in the meeting room at FICDA:

Susan Hileman  
Warren Thomas  
Marc Rickard  
Terry Ray  
Debbra Kapp  
Garnet Wood  
Jeff Langworthy  
Wally Stearns  
Sonja Hawkins  
Neil McElwee

**Absent:**

Mary Ann Caton  
Ken Garland  
Dan Kaylor  
Fred Krizinsky  
Kirk Anna

**Guests:**

Mark E. Heim, WKQW  
John R. Phillips, Oil Region Alliance  
Karen Wenner, Oil Region Alliance  
Sam Dotan, East Gate Plaza  
George Thompson, County Solicitor  
Sue Smith, County Commissioner  
Dave and Joanne Jervis, Residents

**Staff Present:**

Judy Downs  
Ben Breniman  
Debra Frawley  
Lynn Lawrence

Chairperson Susan Hileman called the monthly board meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Warren Thomas to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2007 meeting, seconded by Terry Ray; so moved.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

At this time Agenda Item VI, section C§1 was moved to the Special Purpose Matters Item V, section 1; additionally Agenda Item VI section C§2 was created and moved to Special Purpose Matters Item V section 2.

**SPECIAL PURPOSE MATTERS:**

1. GetGo Preliminary Plan, Sugarcreek Borough. Brian Rushe presented on behalf of Giant Eagle and GetGO. Fuel pumps will be added to the existing Giant Eagle parking lot. A motion was made by Warren Thomas to approve the plans, seconded by Jeff Langworthy; so moved.
2. East Gate Plaza, Barkeyville Borough. Sam Dotan gave a presentation to the Board introducing the plans for the East Gate Plaza subdivision in Barkeyville Borough. This subdivision will be targeting businesses such as hotels and fast food restaurants to purchase the land and build establishments. Each individual end-user will be responsible for their own permits and approvals to develop. The Oil Region Alliance has been working with Sam and the marketing proposals have been developed. This project fits well with the new Southern Comprehensive Plan.

OFFICER'S AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Executive Committee** – There were no items in discussion at this time.

**Treasurer's Report** – Marc Rickard presented the outlined 2008 budget for the VCRPC.

**Plan Review Committee** – There were no items in discussion at this time.

**Comprehensive Plan Ad Hoc Committee** – Susan Hileman announced that comprehensive plan issues will be discussed at the annual meeting.

**Affordable Housing Board** – Susan Hileman asked for volunteers interested in chairing the Affordable Housing Board. Garnet Wood volunteered and was accepted to be recommended to the Commissioners for appointment.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STAFF REPORTS:

The reports were presented as written and submitted in the agenda packet. A copy is included in the official records located in the office library.

NEW BUSINESS - INFORMATIONAL DISCUSSION:

Items in discussion included: The Hasson clean up event on September 22, 2007, will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; the Southern Project is ready to “ramp up” on implementation; Susan offered a comparison of member municipalities from last year (12) to this year (20).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments at this time.

A motion to adjourn was made by Wally Stearns at 8:18 p.m. seconded by Terry Ray; so moved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Lawrence  
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