

**Venango County Regional Planning Commission  
Minutes  
Meeting Sept. 15th, 2009**

Those present at the public meeting of the Venango County Regional Planning Commission held in the Courthouse Annex Building:

Matt Carlson  
Warren Thomas  
Ken Garland  
Sonja Hawkins  
Troy Wood  
Debra Kapp  
Garnet Wood  
Terry Ray  
Therese Alcorn

**Guests:**

Mark Heim  
Dottie Valimont  
Rina Nerlich  
Mary Say  
Kathy Sinclair  
Clarence Tabler  
Fred Blauser  
Allen Wygant  
Shiela Boughner  
Gene Brown  
Arvin Ellis

**Excused:**

Rodney Gladd  
Susan Hileman  
Dave Owens  
Fred Krizinsky  
Jim Berry  
Marc Rickard

**Staff Present:**

Judy Downs  
Erik Johnson  
Chad Cochran  
Karen Wenner  
Al Wodzianski

Chairperson Debra Kapp called the monthly board meeting to order at 6:30 PM

A majority present was established by roll call. The attendance of 8 board members and accounted for by Erik Johnson.

A motion was made by Terry Ray to approve the minutes from July 21st, 2009 meeting, seconded by Ken Garland; so moved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

- CDC REVIEW
  - o Ken Garland initiated dialogue by advising the Plan Review Committee had reviewed the plans for the new facility prior to the VCRPC meeting. He stated the site falls under requirements of the SALDO; however, Marc Rickard still needs to review E&S plan.

- The floor was given to local residents of Cornplanter with properties adjacent to the CDC facility to voice issues/concerns:
  - Dottie Valimont mentioned the site was to the rear of her property and had concerns regarding stormwater issues, mainly – there is too little top soil to absorb run off water. She passed around illustrations of past flooding from stormwater run off. Al Wodzianski commented stating that there will be a swale/ditch built around the perimeter of the new CDC structure which should improve existing conditions.
  - Al Wygant stated that CDC is to the front of his property and advised run off leaves a swamp in his yard. He feels that the additional roof surface area will add more to stormwater flow. David Strickland commented on this stating the only properties downstream of the facility are Klapec and Wygant, and that these properties have sufficient grass to disperse water. Wygant stated this is not the case.
  - Gene Brown was concerned about impermeable clay and water penetrating/flowing into local basements. Wodzianski suggested possibly laying impermeable cloth to combat this possible issue.
  - Dottie V. inquired also about possible traffic issues that might arise due to the new facility. Judy Downs stated the plans are to be submitted to Penn Dot
  
- Matt Carlson advised the Planning Commission table the approval of the plans until deficiencies are addressed – instead of giving proposed conditional approval. Ken Garland stated, however, that the stormwater plan for the new facility may address these flooding issues and possibly correct the problem. A motion was made by Matt Carlson to table the approval, seconded by Warren Thomas, so moved.

## OFFICER'S AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Executive Committee

- Nothing significant to report.

### Plan Review Committee

- CDC review was addressed above in Public Comment on Agenda Items.

- James Craig minor subdivision in President Township requested a waiver from the minimum lot size required in the County SALDO. Matt Carlson made a motion to deny the waiver request, seconded by Terry Ray, so moved.

- Woodland subdivision was tabled by a motion made by Warren Thomas and seconded by Matt Carlson, so moved.

#### COG Representatives

- Per Garnet Wood, the Oil Region COG will meet in Franklin on Thur. 9/17, 7PM at City Hall. Nothing of significance to report.

#### SPECIAL PURPOSE MATTERS

- 2010 Budget Hearing is at 9AM on 9/16 for the Planning Commission. Narrative was sent out in the packet. The VCRPC will be submitting for a full time planner position in lieu of the Planning intern position. Recycling monies were discussed. NSP2 monies are a possibility for additional funding and work load. Shared Municipal Services grant should provide 25% of that position's salary.
- ORA awarded IUP the RFP for the County's Survey of Historic Resources. Match will be staff time and the grant is to be expended by June 2010.
- Hazardous Mitigation Plan
  - o This is mandated to be updated every 5 years – the state PEMA office hired the consulting firm of Michael Baker Jr., Inc to complete this by the Spring '10. First meeting on this will be in room 100 at the Courthouse Annex on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. In conjunction with this, Public hearing meetings are to be scheduled/attached to VCRPC meetings in Oct. and Nov. It was suggested that a bigger venue is needed to host these meetings. Cranberry & Sugarcreek fire halls are tentative locals. Staff will follow up on the meeting relocation needs.
- Route 8 Land Use and Transportation Study was awarded to PB, a firm from Pittsburgh by the NWRP&DC.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORT

- Judy Downs advised of the Marcellas Shale Training sponsored by ORA and Penn State Extension – these are free but you have to pre register. She mentioned Karen and herself would be attending the PPA conference on Oct. 4-6<sup>th</sup>.
- State transportation hearings will be on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> and Troy Wood will be testifying.
- Karen met with Cranberry and they are moving forward the Matric project. Met with Rouseville regarding Act 537. She also advised of meetings regarding the SALDO updates and if the board has concerns to please voice them now.
- Erik reported the possibility of a Cranberry High School recycling plan/initiative.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- No Comment

A motion to adjourn was made by Warren T. at 7:45 PM, seconded by Terry Ray; so moved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erik Johnson, Planner 1