

**Venango County Regional Planning Commission
Minutes
Meeting November 14th, 2009**

Those present at the public meeting of the Venango County Regional Planning Commission held in the Nature Lodge at Two Mile Run County Park:

Matt Carlson
Rodney Gladd
Ken Garland
Sonja Hawkins
Dave Owens
Debra Kapp
Garnet Wood
Susan Hileman
Neil McElwee

Guests:
John Phillips
Randy Seitz
Jan Beichner

Excused:
Therese Alcorn
Fred Krizinsky
Marc Rickard
Jim Berry
Warren Thomas

Staff Present:
Judy Downs
Karen Wenner
Erik Johnson

Chairperson Debra Kapp called the monthly board meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

A majority present was established by roll call. The attendance of 9 board members and accounted for by Erik Johnson.

A motion was made by Matt Carlson to approve the minutes from October 20th, 2009 meeting, seconded by Garnet Wood; so moved.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

-None

OFFICER'S AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee

.-Susan H. advised the committee is searching for candidates that are elected officials. Nothing further to report.

-Neil M. commented on his status as a member of the Planning Commission stating he will be on the board till December 2009. After that, he will officially be resigned but mentioned he would be willing to help out on any future issues if need be.

-Randy Seitz expressed possible interest in being on the board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORT

- This was presented earlier during Annual Work Plan session.

NEW BUSINESS

- Childhood Development Center has asked the Planning Commission to stop the review/development work on this project which is now on hold.
- Neil M. commented on Oil City and Franklin VCRPC membership viability, stating that if there was a cap of \$3000(in lieu of the per capita rate) it may be a little more palatable to the city councils with regards to becoming members. Ken G. was opposed to this stating this was unfair to the smaller municipalities paying the per capita and goes against the spirit of “regional” unity within the County.
- Randy Seitz mentioned the possibility of schools being members.
- Jan B. reinforced the need for a Fee for Services rendered by the VCRPC for non-member municipalities.
- Deb K. proposed forming a sub-committee for membership to the VCRPC. Volunteers included Sonja H., Ken G., Garnet W., Deb K., Randy S., and VCRPC staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Deb K. and Susan H. expressed their thanks to the VCRPC staff for organizing/hosting the Annual Work Plan session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Matt C. at 12:05 PM, seconded by Susan H.; so moved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erik Johnson, Planner 1