

The Northern Lehigh Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Update Meeting Minutes

December 3rd at 5:00 PM, Washington Township, Lehigh County

Steering Committee Attendees:

Brian Carl-Weisenberg Township

Linda Gorgas-Weisenberg Township

Tony Werley-Weisenberg Township

Wade Marlatt-Washington Township

Alberta Scarfaro-Washington Township

Tom Dengler-Washington Township

Brian Dietrich-Lynn Township

Fritz Najarian-Lynn Township

Steve Bachman-Heidelberg Township

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Brooke Lichtenwalter-Washington Township Secretary

Katie Fabian-Heidelberg Township Secretary

Planning Partners in Attendance:

Carolyn Yagle-EPD (Via Zoom)

Courtesy of the Floor/Public Comment: None

Approval of the Minutes: August 6th, 2024 minutes approved by motion of Wade Marlatt / 2nd Brian Dietrich-all committee members were in favor.

EPD Invoice # 12 & # 13

Final amount \$134,068.00 has already been paid. Grant reimbursement in the amount of \$85,000.00 has already been approved by the County. All townships are paid up on previous invoices.

EPD:

Carolyn Yagle of the EPD was the presenter for the continuation of this meeting series. As we come to end of the project Carolyn will create a separate folder labeled Northern Lehigh Coordination 2025 and it will be for additional items for future agendas. Four out of the six municipalities have already adopted the new official maps, zoning ordinances, and zoning maps. The last two remaining municipalities will adopt at the end of December of 2024.

Fritz Najaran commented "Each MMCP member municipality must advise all other member municipalities regarding a "development of regional significance". Fritz also requested the EPD will supply each member municipality with copies of the final land use tables for future use and reference.

Brian added in that the MPC requires us to meet at least once a year. All municipalities agreed to meet twice a year as a proactive measure to keep the plan fresh in our minds, and to keep on top of the changes. Either Carolyn or AJ will join us and the six municipalities will split the hourly rate. Washington Township will host the meetings on every first Tuesday of June and December at 5:30 PM. At these meetings we will be able to address new legislation, problems, and proposed changes. Brian will handle the meeting advertisements.

Brian also will create a new page on the Weisenberg Township website for all of the Plan NL minutes, agendas and the plan itself. At this time LVPC wants to shut down the page dealing with this information. We will work with LVPC to transfer the data to the new site onto Weisenberg. Each of the municipalities will be able to access this new page.

This project did start in 2018 and we are finally wrapping it up. Brian and Carolyn stated a great job was done by all committee members who have invested all of this time, and making the project a success for our communities. Special thanks to Becky, Jill and everyone at the LVPC, Rick and the County Commissioners and last but not least, Carolyn and AJ, and the team at EPD.

Meeting ended 12/3/2024 at 5:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke Lichtenwalter

Secretary/Treasurer

Washington Township, Lehigh County

