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## **RIVER CENTRAL MULTI-MUNICIPAL PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE Minutes from September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 7 pm**

### **WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### Members

Ryan Carson – Catasauqua Borough  
Bob Mills – East Allen Township  
Chris Cruz – East Allen Township  
Vicky Roth – Hanover Township  
Pete Paone – North Catasauqua Borough  
Bryan Cope – North Catasauqua Borough  
LeRoy Brobst – Northampton Borough

##### Others in Attendance

Georgiann Hunsicker – East Allen Township  
Brian Welsko – Northampton Borough  
Victor Rodite – Northampton Borough  
Jill Seitz – LVPC  
Matt Assad – LVPC

#### **COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

Jill Seitz asked if anyone has any news or events to share. LeRoy Brobst shared a recent Main Street event in Northampton Borough that hosted over 100 vendors. Bryan Cope shared that Northampton County received a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to connect the Nor-Bath Trail into Bath Borough and are moving into the engineering phase for this project. Bryan Cope also announced the upcoming Pennsylvania Eastern Greenways and Trails event. Pete Paone shared that the North Catasauqua Autumn Fest is upcoming on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MINUTES – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The committee reviews the prior meeting minutes. Jill Seitz requests a motion to approve.

Motion: Vicky Roth    Second: Chris Cruz

#### **DRAFT PLAN RELEASE FOR STEERING COMMITTEE COMMENT**

Jill Seitz and Matt Assad provide an overview of the first draft plan, September 2022 version. The plan is structured based on the Goals that emerged from the series of public engagement sessions throughout 2021 and early 2022. The Future Land Use Plan included in Goal 1 is a key tool for strategic growth management and preservation. Each Goal chapter includes a series of policies with actions and sub-actions. Key topics identified through the public engagement process are also highlighted as ‘Special Sections’, including Trail Towns. Bryan

Cope comments that references to ATV riding on trails should be removed, and the 9/11 Memorial Trail should be highlighted. Other steering committee members concur. Following the individual Goal chapters is the Plan Implementation section, which pulls forward actionable steps from individual policies.

### **PROJECT SCHEDULE STATUS**

Jill Seitz reviews the project schedule status. With the release of the draft plan for Steering Committee comment, any minor comments provided will be addressed immediately in the document, and any substantial comments will be discussed at the October Steering Committee meeting. The second draft of the plan is anticipated for the November Steering Committee meeting, where the Committee will discuss public meetings and then public hearings that need to be scheduled in the New Year, with the December meeting to be cancelled to adjourn for the winter holidays.

Matt Assad asks the Committee if they would like the Draft Plan released on the River Central website. Bob Mills indicates that the document should be posted to support public information and transparency about the plan's status. Other Committee members indicate that they would like to review the plan content prior to public release. The Committee agrees to post the Draft Plan under the 'Presentation' link of the Committee Meeting, clearly marked "For Steering Committee Comment". The second draft of the plan will be released for public comment.

### **CLOSING REMARKS + ADJOURNMENT**

Jill Seitz requests a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Bob Mills      Second: Vicky Roth

Submitted by:  
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission