



RIVER CENTRAL MULTI-MUNICIPAL PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE Minutes from February 14th, 2023 – 7 pm

WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS

ROLL CALL

Members

Ryan Carson – Catasauqua Borough
Bob Mills – East Allen Township
Vicky Roth – Hanover Township
LeRoy Brobst – Northampton Borough
Brian Welsko – Northampton Borough
Bryan Cope – North Catasauqua Borough

Others in Attendance

Ryan Meyer – Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority
Jill Seitz – LVPC
Matt Assad – LVPC

MINUTES – January 10th, 2023

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

Motion: Vicky Roth

Second: Bob Mills

DRAFT PLAN COMMENTS

Jill Seitz provides an overview of Draft Plan comments provided by the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) requesting to revise the Draft Plan maps to exclude airport-owned properties from the Farmland Preservation and/or Preservation Buffer Areas to align with the Airport Master Plan.

The Steering Committee expressed concern removing these areas from High Priority Preservation considering their proximity to Wayne Grube Park and the Nor-Bath Trail. The Steering Committee recognized that the area is adjacent to Allen Township, and Allen Township's intent for this area based on their comprehensive plan will be considered at the next Steering Committee meeting to provide context.

Ryan Meyer stated that the comments were provided to initiate a dialog and make the communities aware of the Airport Master Plan. The Steering Committee agreed to further discuss the comments from LNAA at the next Steering Committee meeting, with additional context of preserved agriculture lands and Allen Township's comprehensive plan.

Additional edits to Draft Plan Policy 2.4 were also provided by LNAA. The Steering Committee requested additional information about airport-related zoning prior to making a determination on incorporating the proposed text additions.

Jill Seitz provided an overview of initial comments received from East Allen Township. The Steering Committee discussed the potential of jointly hiring a consultant to update all municipal zoning simultaneously to support cost-sharing and ordinance consistency, and the LVPC may potentially identify funding opportunities to support the effort.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Jill Seitz outlined the project schedule status. The East Allen Township public meeting is March 2. Once all public meetings are completed and outstanding comments on the Draft Plan are received, the LVPC will update and send the revised Draft Plan to the Steering Committee for review prior to initiating the 45-day review and comment period.

PROJECT SCHEDULE STATUS

Jill Seitz reviews the project schedule status.

CLOSING REMARKS + ADJOURNMENT

Jill Seitz requests a motion to adjourn.

Motion: LeRoy Brobst

Second: Bryan Cope

Submitted by:
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission