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RIVER CENTRAL MULTI-MUNICIPAL PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE Minutes from January 10th, 2022 – 7 pm

WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS

ROLL CALL

Members

Ryan Carson – Catasauqua Borough
Brent Green – East Allen Township
Bob Mills – East Allen Township
Vicky Roth – Hanover Township
Melissa Wehr – Hanover Township
Mark Thomas – Hanover Township
LeRoy Brobst – Northampton Borough
Brian Welsko – Northampton Borough

Others in Attendance

Georgiann Hunsicker – East Allen Township
Jill Seitz – LVPC
Matt Assad – LVPC

MINUTES – November 8th, 2022

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

Motion: Vicky Roth

Second: Mark Thomas

DRAFT PLAN COMMENTS

Jill Seitz provides an overview of comments received since the Draft Plan was released for public comment in December 2022. The only substantial comment to note was submitted by Maria Wescoe, the Director of Operations at Northampton Regional Emergency Medical Services. Maria's comments provided text edits and clarifications for department titles, and identified some existing efforts working to coordinate emergency services.

The Steering Committee discussed the inclusion of Accessory Dwelling Units as a recommendation in Policy 5.3 of the Draft Plan. After a comprehensive discussion, the Committee ultimately decided to remove the box highlighting accessory dwellings; revise the action referring to "accessory dwellings" to read "in-law suites"; and revise the introduction paragraph from "communities need to" to read "communities may". If possible, these edits will be updated in the Draft Plan document prior to presentation at the upcoming Public Meetings.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Jill Seitz outlines the schedule of upcoming public meetings for each municipality. These public meetings are a required step in the PA Municipalities Planning Code Comprehensive Planning process. At each meeting LVPC staff will give a brief overview of the Draft Plan and the process

that went into developing it. Any comments or feedback from the Planning Commissioners or public that attend the meetings will be collected and reported back to the Steering Committee at the February Meeting, and depending on how substantial those comments are, the Committee can determine how those comments should be addressed.

PROJECT SCHEDULE STATUS

Jill Seitz reviews the project schedule status.

CLOSING REMARKS + ADJOURNMENT

Jill Seitz requests a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Melissa Wehr

Second: Bob Mills

Submitted by:
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission