

The Northern Lehigh Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan

Update Meeting

December 3, 2019 – 5:30 PM, Lowhill Township Municipal Building

Steering Committee Attendees:

Janice Meyers – Heidelberg Township
Robb A. Werley – Lowhill Township
Brian Carl – Lowhill & Weisenberg Townships
Brian Dietrich – Lynn Township
Jason Ruff – Slatington Borough
Todd Weidman – Washington Township
Steve Bachman – Heidelberg Township

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Planning Partners in Attendance:

Charles Doyle – Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
Bethany Vazquez – Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
Jillian Seitz- Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
Simon Okumu- Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

Minutes:

Introductions

Steering Committee attendees took roll call.

Courtesy of the Floor

Mr. Doyle introduced Ms. Seitz from LVPC to the committee as the new Planning Partner. Mr. Doyle opened the floor for any updates from the committee members. Mr. Carl announced that the School Districts are looking into re-districting to even out attendance numbers in certain schools and open up for increased enrollment and projected housing trends. Mr. Doyle also congratulated Mr. Carl on their updated Billboard zoning policy.

2020 Meeting Dates Plus Confirmation

Mr. Doyle reviewed the proposed 2020 calendar with the Committee. Mr. Carl suggested that the January meeting be removed, Mr. Doyle concurred. The Committee opted to remove January date for meeting with Mr. Doyle circling back with the Committee in about a week with the updated dates. Mr. Ruff inquired about the 2020 legal ad for the Committee meetings. Mr. Carl stated that he will place the legal advertisement on behalf of the Committee as he had done for the 2019 season.

State Transportation Commission

Mr. Doyle announced that the draft PennDOT Interstate Management 12-Year Program has been released and addressed the Morning Call article regarding the 1-78 Investments. Mr. Doyle also stated that the draft Transportation Improvement Program will be released on

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December 4th at the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study meeting where the identification of Adams Road as an interchange for I-78 will be announced.

Points of Pride

Mr. Doyle reviewed the draft website for the Northern Lehigh Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan with the Committee. The topics covered included the plan's purpose and introduction section, the multimunicipal process and achievements, as well as the issues and opportunities section.

Issues & Opportunities Review

Mr. Doyle began the discussion of the Issues and Opportunities paper by reviewed the regional demographic analysis. Ms. Seitz continued the discussion with a review of the housing and economic analyses of the region, sharing various highlights and concerns in the individual municipalities. Mr. Doyle closed the Issues and Opportunities with a presentation on the region's land and transportation analyses, as well as the community engagement highlights and resulting plan goals and vision.

Minutes prepared and respectfully transmitted by LVPC.