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RIVER CENTRAL MULTI-MUNICIPAL PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE Minutes from July 13th, 2021 – 7 pm

WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS

ROLL CALL

Members

Bob Mills – East Allen Township
Brent Green – East Allen Township
Chris Cruz – East Allen Township
Mark Thomas – Hanover Township
Melissa Wehr – Hanover Township
Vicky Roth – Hanover Township
LeRoy Brobst – Northampton Borough

Others in Attendance

Tracy Oscavich – LVPC
Samantha Smith – LVPC
Jill Seitz – LVPC
Robert Zakos – Catasauqua Borough Resident

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

LeRoy Brobst requests that the steering committee begin in-person meetings. Bob Mills and Chris Cruz agree. Melissa Wehr would prefer to wait until the fall due to the recent COVID-19 spike, to see how it plays out. Brent Green offers a hybrid option at the East Allen Township facility in the hopes that it would improve participation. LeRoy Brobst agrees with Brent Green's suggestion, and Brent Green will send an email to the group to gauge interest so that the Committee can make a decision at the next meeting.

MINUTES – June 8th, 2021

The committee reviews the prior meeting minutes. Brent Green requests a motion to approve.

MOTION: By Chris Cruz. Second by Bob Mills.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Samantha Smith and Jill Seitz review a presentation summarizing the number of survey responses collected to date. Brent Green mentions that he has paper ones to be entered in.

The committee discusses feedback they have heard from community members that filled out the survey. LVPC staff will adjust the survey settings to be less restrictive, to make responding easier.

The committee considers opportunities to further outreach of the survey, including distributing cards at municipal offices, posters, additional yard signs, email blasts and follow-ups.

MUNICIPAL TOURS

Samantha Smith reviews the status of municipal tours thus far. Melissa Wehr and Mark Thomas share that they very much enjoyed the experience of the Hanover Township tour and learned new things about the Township as well.

Samantha Smith asks when the other municipalities would be able to schedule their tours. Brent Green shares that East Allen Township is considering two different dates and will follow-up. LeRoy Brobst states that he will follow-up as well.

Brent Green notes that Catasauqua Borough representatives have not been in attendance at recent steering committee meetings, and states that he will reach out to Steve Travers.

Robert Zakos mentions that the River Central Steering Committee meeting was mentioned during a recent North Catasauqua Council meeting.

PROJECT SCHEDULE STATUS

Samantha Smith reviews the project schedule status. Because of delays in collecting survey responses, Phase 2 and 3 have been pushed back into September.

Melissa Wehr shares that Hanover Township is having a public event at Canal Park on August 24th, a good opportunity to collect additional responses.

CLOSING REMARKS + ADJOURNMENT

Brent Green requests a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: By Melissa Wehr to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chris Cruz.

Submitted by:
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission