

**NAZARETH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MEETING  
MAY 13, 2019**

Attendance Sheet Below

Brien Kocher of Bushkill Township called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The minutes of the April 08<sup>th</sup>, 2019, meeting were e-mailed to all delegates. Delegates should notify L. Stauffer if any changes should be made.

G. Reese summarized the top six issues that were derived from the charette sessions and the survey. They are as follows:

1. Truck traffic continuing to grow, demanding for our infrastructure, roads are at capacity; congestion management (truck routes, maintaining mobility); warehouse traffic.
2. Warehouses – location
3. Air and water quality; parks, recreation, conservation, trails, maintaining open space, connected greenspace (farms, parks, public lands); support agricultural industry (finance, protection, retention, other).
4. Balancing preservation and development (e.g. suburban creep), explore alternative housing options to preserve open space.
5. Development stress on existing utility infrastructure, need more broadband/internet capacity, monitor water useage/well and septic
6. Lack of attainable housing; variety of affordable house at a variety of times/points in people's lives; housing diversity (age, income, size, cost); lack of desirable housing for new graduates)

G. Reese requested all representatives continue communicating with their respective Boards in reference to the progress of the plan in order to keep momentum going as well as avoiding any potential unanticipated objections.

It was reported that the Nazareth Council of Governments has received notice from Pennsylvania DCED awarding the COG a grant in the amount of \$40,000 for the preparation of the multi-municipal comprehensive plan.

Becky Bradley of LVPC appeared to discuss the contract between the NAZCOG and the LVPC for services relating to the preparation of the multi-municipal comprehensive plan. The planning services agreement details the scope of work, including timelines for completion, as well as the expectations in performance by both parties.

The draft agreement should be forwarded to Attorney Asteak for his review and approval. All delegates should also review the draft agreement and bring any concerns to LVPC's attention. Invoices from the LVPC shall be sent to L. Stauffer in her capacity as the Executive Director. Accordingly, she shall prepare and send out invoices to the member municipalities. Invoices shall be sent out with the costs spread out over the course of three invoices.

A discussion occurred on having a press event for the plan. It was noted that the Express Times printed an article a few weeks earlier. B. Kocher stated constituents should know that they should make comments to their elected officials. It's important for people to realize the Steering Committee is not another level of government.

Meeting Adjourned – 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 8th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Upper Nazareth Township

Respectfully Submitted,

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