

The Northern Lehigh Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan

July 7, 2020 – 5:30 PM, Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the meeting was held virtually.

Steering Committee Attendees:

Dawn Didra – Heidelberg Township
Janice Meyers – Heidelberg Township
Steve Bachman – Heidelberg Township
Brian Carl – Lowhill & Weisenberg Townships
Jason Ruff – Slatington Borough
Todd Weidman – Washington Township
Tony Werley – Weisenberg Township

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Tania Stoker – Northern Lehigh School District
Matthew Link – Northern Lehigh School District
Rhonda Frantz – Northern Lehigh School District
Sherri Molitoris – Northern Lehigh School District
Jennifer Holman – Northwestern School District

Planning Partners in Attendance:

Charles Doyle – Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
Bethany Vazquez – Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
Samantha Smith – Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

Minutes:

Introductions

Steering Committee attendees took roll call.

Courtesy of the Floor

None this month.

Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2020

Mr. Doyle reviewed the June meeting minutes with the Committee. The Committee approved with no additional comments.

Northern Lehigh School District Presentation

Mr. Link and his team gave a presentation on the Northern Lehigh School District. The District reviewed their enrollment and employee profiles, their budget composite data, and spoke on their feasibility study for Slatington Elementary School. The district spoke on their strong relationships with their municipalities regarding road condition and weather updates, first responders, safe school committees, community events, and more. The district reported that

few of their households identified as having no internet access and spoke on their graduation rates and long-term facilities planning.

Infrastructure and Services Planning Meetings

Mr. Doyle reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for the Northern Lehigh Plan Focus Group meetings. Mr. Ruff pointed out that Slatington Borough would not be able to attend the August 24th Municipal Governments meeting and asked for a meeting change. The Committee agreed to change the meeting to be on their September 1 Steering Committee meeting. The new meeting schedule is as followed:

- July 20 – Emergency Services Focus Group, Germansville Fire Company
- July 22 – Small Business Focus Group, Germansville Fire Company
- August 10 – Farmers Focus Group, Germansville Fire Company
- September 1 – Municipal Governments Focus Group, Zoom Meeting

Due to the intense meeting schedule, the Steering Committee agreed to cancel their August 4 meeting.

Adjournment

Minutes prepared and respectfully transmitted by LVPC.