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RIVER CENTRAL MULTI-MUNICIPAL PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE Minutes from August 10th, 2021 – 7 pm

WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS

ROLL CALL

Members

Cameron Smith – Catasauqua Borough
Bob Mills – East Allen Township
Brent Green – East Allen Township
Chris Cruz – East Allen Township
Melissa Wehr – Hanover Township
Vicky Roth – Hanover Township
LeRoy Brobst – Northampton Borough
Bryan Cope – North Catasauqua Borough

Others in Attendance

Becky Bradley – LVPC
Matt Assad – LVPC
Jill Seitz – LVPC
Tony Lopsonzski, Northampton Borough
Ryan Meyer, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority

MINUTES – July 13th, 2021

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

MOTION: By Vicky Roth. Second by Chris Cruz.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Jill Seitz reviews a presentation summarizing the number of survey responses and outreach efforts to date. The last two public engagement events before the survey closes will be for Hanover Township and East Allen Township. The committee considers opportunities to further outreach of the survey, and how to target younger responders in particular, such as reaching out to school districts and posting flyers in pizza shops and bars, sports venues and local attractions.

MUNICIPAL TOURS

Jill Seitz and Matt Assad review the status of the municipal tours thus far, highlighting the major assets and issues or priorities identified while on each tour. The final tour, for Catasauqua Borough, is scheduled. The committee members share their experiences from the municipal tours. LeRoy mentions that the Borough is looking at planting a rose garden in Canal Park. Bob Mills mentions opportunities for the canal, because some areas are in better shape than others.

IN PERSON MEETING DISCUSSION

Brent asks the Committee for input regarding whether or not the group would like to begin meeting in-person. Vicky Roth states that the infection rates have been increasing and she is not comfortable with in-person meetings. LeRoy Brobst agrees that it is better to stay virtual with everything happening in the last few weeks, but misses getting together in person. Bob Mills states that he wants to get back together when everyone is comfortable. Melissa Wehr supports continuing to meet virtually. Brent Green states that there is consensus to continue meeting virtually, and the topic can be revisited later in the year.

PROJECT SCHEDULE STATUS

Becky Bradley reviews the project schedule status. Transportation and housing data are currently being pulled, and the survey results will be presented at the next meeting that will inform the draft vision and guiding principles. The initial vision will be turned into policies throughout the fall.

CLOSING REMARKS + ADJOURNMENT

Brent Green requests a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: By Bob Mills to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by LeRoy Brobst.

Submitted by:
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission