

Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee
Minutes of Meeting No. 17, December 9, 2009

Members of the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee:¹

<u>Municipality or Organization</u>	<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Municipality Planning Commission Representative</u>
Charlestown Township	Hugh Willig	Rick Reis
East Pikeland Township	Rusty Strauss	Ed Cooley
East Vincent Township	Christine McNeil	Elaine Millito
Phoenixville Borough	Richard Kirkner	Deb Johnston
Schuylkill Township	James Morrisson	Jim Reading
West Vincent Township	Clare Quinn	
Chester County	Carol Stauffer	
<u>Consultants</u>		
Kise Straw & Kolodner, Inc	Elizabeth Lankenau	
Smith and McMaster, P.C.	James McMaster	

¹ Bold names indicate attendees at this meeting
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1.	Call to Order Meeting 17 of the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee (the Committee) was called to Order at 7:35 PM by Rich Kirkner of Phoenixville Borough, Chair.
2	Approval of Minutes
2.1	<u>Meetings 14 and 15, and 16</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of meetings 14, 15, and 16 were reviewed. • Corrections to item 7.2 of the Minutes of Meeting 16, noting that the Route 724 Corridor plan, Rail Lines and Natural Resources were potential topics for the PRPC to discuss during 2010 and not priorities were discussed. • Minutes of meetings 14, 15 and 16 pending corrections to Meeting 16 as discussed were approved unanimously in a motion made by Rich Kirkner and seconded by Clare Quinn.
3.	Public Comment
3.1	No requests or comments by the public were made.
4.	Invoice Approvals
4.1	The following invoices presented for approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KSK Invoice 8 dated 11/16/2009 in the amount of \$1,461.29 • The invoice was approved unanimously in a motion made by Christine McNeil and seconded by Clare Quinn.
5.	Consistency Review Report Update
5.1	<u>Consistency Review Adoptions</u> A discussion was held regarding the progress made by members in adoption of the Consistency Review Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlestown – Passed, will forward the document to Smith McMaster and KSK • East Pikeland – Passed • East Vincent – Passed • Phoenixville – Passed • Schuylkill - Passed • West Vincent - On this month's (December) agenda.
6.	Old Business
6.1	<u>East Vincent CCRC Zoning Amendment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rich Kirkner reported on his discussions with the East Vincent (EV) supervisors regarding the PRPC finding their proposed CCRC zoning amendment Not Consistent with the Regional Plan and EV's letter stating their intention to withdraw from the PRPC during EV's recent BOS meeting. • One of EV's request was to revise the review CCRC letter. Because the additional review would be a cost to EV only, Rick Kirkner requested an estimated cost for this work from the consultants. • The PRPC's implementation agreement provides for mediation over disputes between member municipalities but not between the PRPC and its members. Mediation of this dispute over the CCRC amendment by the Governor's Center for Local Government or by Chester County will be investigated and proposed to EV. • A motion to for Rich Kirkner as Chair to send a letter to EV requesting to enter into mediation was made by Clare Quinn and Seconded by Hugh Willig. Approval of this motion was unanimous.
7.	New Business
7.1	<u>Regional Review – East Vincent Township Composting Zoning Ordinance Amendment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Lankenau presented the 11/30/09 draft Letter of Opinion regarding the proposed East Vincent Township Composting Zoning Ordinance Amendment. This letter found the ordinance to be consistent with the PRPC Regional Plan • A presentation of the ordinance was made to the PRPC by Penn Organic and the landowner. • The proposed ordinance would add a definition of composting to the EV zoning ordinance and would also permit composting (as proposed to be defined) within the Low Residential Density District.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clare Quinn moved accept The 11/30/09 KSK Letter with the following modifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All items in the Additional Planning Recommendations section of the 11/30/09 letter which are the responsibility or jurisdiction of DEP should be removed. ○ The item in the Additional Planning Recommendations section of the 11/30/09 letter regarding protection of historical resources should remain. • The motion was seconded by Hugh Willig. Approval of this motion was unanimous.
7.2	<p><u>Potential Withdrawal of East Vincent Township from the PRPC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter from East Vincent dated 11/06/09 stating their intention to withdraw from the PRPC was received by Smith McMaster. • The process for withdrawing includes a formal notice, a hearing and adoption of a resolution by the municipality withdrawing. • The cost of revising PRPC Regional Plan due to a change in membership would be born by all members, even the one withdrawing. • As noted in item 6.1 of Minutes of Meeting 16, the PRPC Implementation Agreement does not provide for dispute resolution between the PRPC and its members. • Mediation will be proposed to EV. • Possible organizations to facilitate this mediation that will be investigated include the Governor's Center for Local Government and Chester County. • Also noted in item 6.1 a motion to for Rich Kirkner as Chair to send a letter to EV requesting to enter into mediation was made by Clare Quinn and Seconded by Hugh Willig. Approval of this motion was unanimous.
7.3	<p><u>Review Time Extensions</u></p> <p>A discussion was held regarding what any applicant should provide when providing an extension on the time allowed for there PRPC to review an application or zoning ordinance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter on letter head indicating the extension must be provided by the applicant or township solicitor • The letter must include specific dates that coordinate with the PRPC's set meeting schedule
8.	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>Rich Kirkner motioned for meeting adjournment at 9:30 PM. The Committee consent was unanimous.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Willig
 Secretary
 Charlestown Township