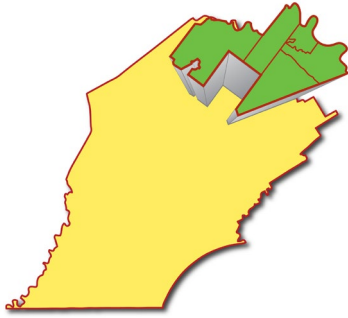


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Members of the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee:¹

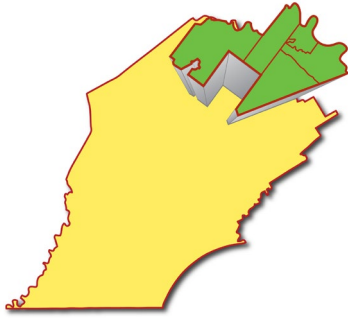
<u>Municipality / Organization</u>	<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Planning Commission/Alt. Representative</u>
Charlestown Township	Hugh Willig	Bill Westhafer/Wendy Leland
East Pikeland Township	Rusty Strauss	Ron Hoinowski
Phoenixville Borough	Jonathan Ewald	Debra Johnston/Richard Kirkner
Schuylkill Township	Mark Donovan	Curt English/Susan Guerette
West Vincent Township	George Dulchinos	Mike Schneider
Chester County	Susan Elks	Carol Stauffer
<u>Consultants</u>		
Theurkauf Design & Planning, LLC	Edward A. Theurkauf	Tracy Lee Tackett
Smith and Porter, P.C.	Catherine Anne Porter	

¹ Bold names indicate attendees at this meeting



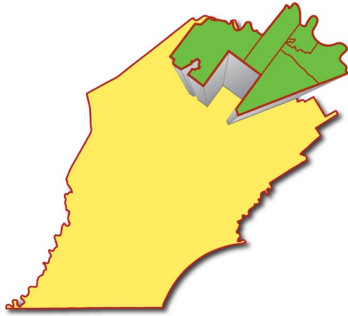
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1	CALL TO ORDER
1.1	Meeting 122 of the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee (PRPC) was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Jon Ewald.
2	ROLL CALL
2.1	Member representatives were present as noted on page 1.
3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3.1	A motion to approve meeting 121 minutes as drafted was made by Rusty Strauss, seconded by Mark Donovan, and approved unanimously.
4	INVOICE APPROVALS
4.1	<p>The following invoices were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theurkauf Design & Planning, LLC, #0919-08 - \$1,007.65 • Theurkauf Design & Planning, LLC, VPP funded Comprehensive Plan, #0919-09 - \$157.50 • Theurkauf Design & Planning, LLC, VPP application to include W. Pikeland, #0919-14 - \$965.63 <p>A motion to approve the invoices was made by Hugh Willig, seconded by Rusty Strauss, and approved unanimously.</p>
5	CORRESPONDENCE
5.1	There was no correspondence.
6	NEW BUSINESS
6.1	<p><u>Regional Clean Energy Coalition</u></p> <p>Representatives of Municipal Member EACs, Phoenixville Green Team, and the Sierra Club were present to discuss the formation of a Regional PRPC subcommittee to focus on achieving the Ready for 100% Renewable Energy goals. It was noted that four of the five PRPC Municipalities have passed the Ready for 100% Resolution of Commitment.</p> <p>Dennis Ray (East Pikeland) and Jonathan Meyers (Schuylkill) emphasized the value of a Regional coalition to buy renewable energy and plan for and implement renewable energy infrastructure. They also advocated the hiring of a Regional energy planner, to be paid on a proportional basis by the member municipalities. They suggested that PRPC provide an oversight role in this.</p> <p>Dave Lutzker (Phoenixville Green Team) stressed the advantages of pooling resources Regionally in order to most efficiently and beneficially utilize the volunteer resources of the Municipal EACs. Mark Connolly (Charlestown) added that the Regional initiative would move sustainability and energy topics to the forefront in the policy and political realm.</p> <p>Dennis Ray added that there is a need to act quickly in hiring an energy planner and that this is straightforward. After that, measures become more complicated, and he feels that this is where a PRPC subcommittee acting as coordinator would be helpful.</p>



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	<p>Paula Kline (Sierra Club) advised that the West Chester Council of Governments hopes to finalize a group green energy purchase agreement in 2020. They have also created an RFP to hire an energy planner, which the PRPC Municipalities could utilize with modifications as appropriate. Jon Ewald requested that the RFP be provided to PRPC for consideration, to which Paula responded that it is available on line.</p> <p>Rusty Strauss stated that East Pikeland has delegated green energy and sustainability implementation to its EAC and suggested Regional coordination of Municipal EACs to advance implementation, rather than through PRPC. George Dulchinos questioned whether this effort was within the PRPC mission, and Jon Ewald advised that such an effort may require an amendment to the PRPC Implementation Agreement. Mark Donovan suggested that the matter be discussed among the Member Municipal governing bodies to see whether there is a desire to broaden the PRPC mission to energy policy implementation.</p>
6.2	<p><u>Consistency Review – Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Charlestown Township</u> Charlestown Township proposes amendments to its zoning ordinance pertaining to Conditional Uses in the FR Farm Residential District, the R-1 Residential District, the PRD Districts, the I Institutional District, the Neighborhood Commercial Districts, the I/O Industrial/Office District, the B Business District, and the TND overlay Districts. Included are various definitions, design standards, and administrative provisions.</p> <p>Theurkauf Design & Planning reviewed the proposed zoning amendments and found them to be fully consistent with the Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>A motion to approve the Consistency Review as drafted was made by Rusty Strauss, seconded by George Dulchinos, and approved unanimously.</p>
7	OLD BUSINESS
7.2	<p><u>PRPC Membership Expansion – County Vision Partnership Program (VPP) Grant Application</u> The VPP grant application was submitted by Ed Theurkauf on October 21 and was deemed administratively complete. County Planning Services Director Susan Elks stated by email that applications will be considered at the December 11 meeting of the County Planning Commission, and that applicants would be notified of grant awards in mid-December.</p>
8	MUNICIPAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS
8.1	<p><u>Charlestown Township</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hugh Willig announced that the recent court ruling supporting Charlestown and Regional land use sharing against a billboard company will not be appealed.
8.2	<p><u>East Pikeland Township</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rusty Strauss announced a public visioning workshop for a 115 acre Township park and preserve will be held November 6. • Ron Hoinowski described Planning Commission work on sustainability goals.



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8.3	<u>Phoenixville Borough</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jon Ewald reported that the French Creek West development has been approved by Council. He also stated that a 50 unit senior living proposal by Hankin Builders was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.
8.4	<u>Schuylkill Township</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Donovan announced the approval of demolition of a historic residence at 100 Country Club Road, to be rebuilt in the original style.
8.5	<u>West Vincent Township</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Dulchinos reported that a contract for demolition of the Bryn Coed dairy barn had been awarded.
9	PUBLIC COMMENT / Non- Agenda Items
9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no public comment.
10	ADJOURNMENT
10.1	Rusty Strauss moved to adjourn, and George Dulchinos seconded. Jon Ewald adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Theurkauf Design & Planning, LLC