

UPPER PERKIOMEN VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
March 25, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was held in the Upper Hanover Township Building and was called to order by Chairman Bill Ritting at 7:00 PM.

Municipal representatives present:

East Greenville – Bob, Gery, Josiah Pierson
Green Lane – Not present
Marlborough – Brian Doremus, Bill Ritting
Pennsburg – Michael Mensch, Fred Schutte
Red Hill – Not present
Upper Hanover – Steve Rothenberger

Also present this evening: Eric Jarrell from the Montgomery County Planning Commission; Margie Gelhaus, Upper Perkiomen School District; Luanne Stauffer, Upper Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2015 was made by Joe Pierson, seconded by Steve Rothenberger, and passed unanimously.

Special Presentation

Representatives in attendance from the Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living included Brian Rogers, Community Accessibility Coordinator, and Bob Amelio, Accessibility Support Coordinator. Representing the Center's Community Accessibility Program (CAP), they presented a video about disability awareness and sensitivity, demonstrating how to better communicate with people with disabilities. Brian and Bob also discussed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), design and visitability standards, ways to improve accessibility, handling accommodation requests, and person first language. Finally, they noted that CAP specializes in ADA Accessibility Site Surveys for parks and outdoor recreation areas, trails, festivals and fairs, pools, and other public facilities.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Old Business

Greenway and Stewardship Study

Eric Jarrell reminded everyone of the kick-off meeting for the Multi-Regional Greenway and Stewardship Study. The meeting is confirmed for April 30th at the Perkiomen Valley Middle School West in Lower Frederick beginning at 7:00 PM. Rob Wonderling, President and CEO of the Great Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce is confirmed for speaking at the event.

Regional Updates

East Greenville – The borough's draft floodplain ordinance is being reviewed by FEMA and the borough will be adding 15 new parking spaces to the old Owls lots.

Green Lane – No report.

Marlborough – The Planning Commission has made some revisions to the sign ordinance and forwarded it to the Board of Supervisors for review. The Township is in the process of codifying all its ordinances.

Pennsburg – Nothing new to report.

Red Hill – No report.

Upper Hanover – Nothing new to report.

School District – There are 5 openings on the School Board for the next election and the Board is currently working on the District's new budget.

PerkUp Update – Luanne Stauffer reported that all the sign prototypes are completed and being stored at Upper Hanover's Camelot Park. Meeting with municipal representatives and Kevan Price will be held to finalize sign locations. Also, the County Commissioners will be holding a Town Meeting at The Grand Theater on April 13th and a pre-meeting reception will be held at the Perkiomen School beginning at 6:00 PM. On April 28th the Chamber will be hosting its Community and Business Expo at the new Upper Perkiomen YMCA.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Jarrell, Acting Secretary