

**UPPER PERKIOMEN VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**May 28, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Municipal representatives present:

East Greenville – Josiah Pierson, Bob Gery  
Green Lane – Brian Carpenter  
Marlborough – Bill Ritting  
Pennsburg – Michael Mensch, Fred Schutte  
Red Hill – Charles McCleary, Faith Diascro  
Upper Hanover – Steve Rothenberger

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were corrected to reflect in the School District report that the Middle School “will get a” new Principal, not that the Middle School “has” a new Principal. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2014 with the correction was made by Josiah Pierson, seconded by Michael Mensch, and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer, Brian Carpenter, reported a current checking account balance of \$7,774.15.

**Upper Perkiomen Valley Wayfinding and Identity Program Update**

Luanne Stauffer recapped the May 2<sup>nd</sup> unveiling of the prototype signs at the Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center. The event was very well attended and highlighted the public/private partnerships and student collaboration that enabled the project to be a success. Special recognition was given to Horizon and Reed Sign Companies, Knoll, Western Center instructors and students, and State Senator Bob Mensch.

The project is moving forward and details are being worked out to get the prototype signs installed. Grants opportunities are being explored for both prototype installation and funding for construction and installation of the complete wayfinding signage system.

**Multi-Regional Greenway and Stewardship Study Update**

Eric Jarrell reported that work for the Greenway and Stewardship Study is on hold until after July 1<sup>st</sup>, pending approval from DCNR regarding our waiver of retroactivity. The waiver will allow us to count the time devoted to the project as part of our in-kind match prior to actually receiving and executing the grant. While the Greenway portion of the study will be completed with or without the grant, we want to count our time in order to maximize the match for the stewardship portion of the study.

**Regional Updates**

East Greenville – Work on a 12-unit Condo project is scheduled to be completed by February 2015.

Green Lane – A 12-unit townhome project has been proposed for the green house property.

Marlborough – Marlborough's Planning Commission has been reviewing responses to their Village Visioning outreach. While the feedback has been good, the township is still looking for other ways to get additional input.

Pennsburg – The Weis Shopping Center has a new owner who is looking to invest in the center and update the building facades. The 7-11 closed abruptly and the gas tanks have been removed.

Red Hill – The applicant for the proposed townhouse development off of Hendricks Road has been to the Planning Commission several times and they are still negotiating the number of units to be proposed. The proposed Doctor's office to be opened in the old Ambulance building continues to move forward. The borough has several road resurfacing projects that will be taking place over the next several months.

Upper Hanover – A subdivision, involving 10 or 12 lots, has been proposed for the Heckler property.

School District – The District is interviewing for a new Middle School principal and an Innovative Tech Specialist. A candidate for the Director of the Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center has been selected.

PerkUp Update – Luanne Stauffer announced several upcoming events, including the Community and Commerce breakfast scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> and the June 12<sup>th</sup> Happy Hour. Luanne also mentioned the consolidation of several agencies at the County level, establishing a "one-stop shop" for economic development within the new Commerce department.

County Planning Updates – Eric Jarrell presented a summary of the County's most recent report regarding Median Prices for Housing in 2013.

Inter-regional Planning Cooperative – Next meeting will take place on June 12 at 7:30 AM in Mal's Diner, Skippack. Attendance is confirmed for Indian Valley RPC, Phoenixville RPC, Central Perkiomen Valley RPC, Chester County Planning staff, and Senator Mensch.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Jarrell, Acting Secretary