

Saucon Valley Partnership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 11, 2018
Lower Saucon Township

- A. Call to Order** – Linda Leewright – 7:00 p.m.
- B. Roll Call** – Tom Rieger, Phil Weber, James Hill, Priscilla deLeon, Linda Leewright, Mayor Heintzelman, Leslie Huhn and Mark Hartney. Absent: Mark Sivak, Donna Louder and Cathy Hartranft.
- C. Council of Governments**
1. **Minutes** – Upon motion of Mr. Rieger, seconded by Mrs. deLeon, the members approved the minutes of February 14, 2018.
 2. **Treasurer’s Report** – No report
 3. **Approval to pay bills** – Mrs. Huhn indicated there were no bills to be paid.
- D. Business Items**
1. **Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan** – Northampton County CDBG request for \$10,000 was submitted. Approval by County Council and HUD.
 2. **Pipeline Updates** –Mrs. deLeon said FERC gave conditional approval to PennEast. She spoke about the Chester County interactive map that was provided to Northampton County. Mr. Hartney stated that Tara Zrinski and Joe Lakey with the County were working on the site for Northampton.
- E. Brief Reports & Discussion Items**
1. **County Gaming Grants** – Money is now distributed by the PA Commonwealth Finance Authority. The guidelines are posted on their website and grant submission opens up in September. Mayor Heintzelman said the we can no longer submit grants for public safety and that is not good for them since they use the money for Officers, which means they will have to cut jobs. Mr. Hartney said at the July 25th County COG meeting there will be discussion on applying for PA Commonwealth Financing. He stated it would be very beneficial to have you State Senators and Representatives on board when submitting applications.
 2. **Joint COG Projects** – Multi-municipal plan will be discussed at the next meeting.
 3. **Roads & Traffic** – UGI presented at a City of Bethlehem meeting the entrance to their project was moved on to Easton Road. Additional work for lights and improvements will be necessary at the Walnut and Main Street intersection, which will affect the school district and buses for the Water Street Bridge project. Emergency permitting may be needed. Suggestion to meet with PennDOT and County representatives and also Mike Emili. In addition a meeting with emergency services (ambulance, Dewey, fire companies), the school district and PennDOT should probably occur.
 4. **Saucon Valley Compost Center – Pole Barn** – Need to meet with Roger Rasich, Tom Henshaw, Cathy Gorman to discuss bids.
Water Street Bridge/Meadows Road Bridge – Water Street construction scheduled for spring/summer 2019. Meadows Road Bridge – a meeting was held at the bridge. The TIP designation was received. Rehab or replace was discussed with the Township’s preference to rehab being noted. Historic criteria are being reviewed by PennDOT. Mr. Hartney noted the PHMC process which can be long, but it all comes down to cost. Mrs. deLeon felt it is cheaper to rehab.
 5. **Northampton County Report** – Mark spoke earlier regarding the grant funding.

F. Citizens Comments on Non Agenda Items – None

G. Events Calendar

1. Saucon Valley Spirit Parade – October 21, 2018. Mayor spoke about a School Board float.

H. Adjournment – Upon motion by Mrs. deLeon, second by Mr. Rieger, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

A discussion was held after the meeting regarding the purpose of the Partnership.

The next meeting of the Saucon Valley Partnership is Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at LST.