

Saucon Valley Partnership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 12, 2012

- A. Call to Order – Leslie Huhn – 7:00 p.m.
- B. Those Present – Ed Inghrim, Glenn Kern, Tom Rieger, Cathy Kichline, Leslie Huhn, Lanita Lum and Cathy Gorman.
- C. Council of Governments
1. Minutes
Motion made by Lanita Lum, seconded by Thomas Rieger, to approve the June 13, 2012, meeting minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.
 2. Treasurer's Report
Ms. Huhn – The fund balance as of August 31, 2012, is \$17,963.59. The checking account balance as of August 31, 2012, is \$3,872.44. Motion made by Leslie Huhn, seconded by Glenn Kern, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Lum – We have almost \$18,000.00 in the fund balance. What do we plan to do with the money.

Ms. Gorman – If we ever positioned ourselves to apply for any grants, that would give us matching funds or funds to conduct a study.
 3. Approval to Pay Bills
There were no bills to be paid.
- D. New Business
1. Rosemary McFee – Kiwanis Club in Saucon Valley

Ms. McFee – I've met with the Hellertown Borough Police Department about starting up a Kiwanis Club in the Saucon Valley Area. It is a local club for children. There are no KEY Clubs in the school district. They promote leadership and are service oriented. Our current project is the eradication of maternal and neo-natal tetanus.

Ms. Lum – There was a similar program in Burks County and the schools were not interested.

Ms. McFee – I have not approached the school district yet.

Mr. Kern – How many of the school's clubs are service oriented?

Mr. Inghrim – Not many of the clubs are service oriented.

Ms. McFee – Kiwanis also sponsors a Bringing Up Grade Program and a Terrific Kid Program. We have also done a lot of work with early childhood intervention. Another project we do is to collect books and read to children. The foundation gives out grants and scholarships.

Mr. Kern – I like the idea of having more service oriented clubs in the school.

Mr. Inghrim – Please contact the Saucon Valley School District so we can schedule you to attend a school board meeting.

E. Brief Reports and Discussion Items

1. Casino Impacts Funding/County Gaming Authority – Update

Ms. Kichline – There was an uncommitted round for Casino Funding. There were 35 applications. All projects were funded at 55 percent of the total request. Hellertown Borough applied for cameras in the parks. The next round of impact funding will be in January 2013.

Ms. Gorman – There is a second round of impact funding which is scheduled for September 24, 2012. There is only about \$400,000.00 remaining.

2. Joint COG Projects (Saucon Rail Trail; Peer Recreation Study Committee) – Update

a. Rails to Trails

Ms. Kichline reported the Saucon Rail Trail Committee will dedicate a plaque in memory of Carolyn Lidie on September 20th at 4:00 pm at the Water Street Park kiosk.

b. Peer Recreation

Mr. Rieger – I believe the Peer Recreation Committee is wrapping up. We are working on a comprehensive list of programs and contact information to post on a website or include on the municipal websites. I do not think the DCED representative took the project in the direction we were looking for. There is no input from community groups.

Ms. Kichline – The peer consultant was leading us toward creating a joint recreation authority but there is not enough support from the municipalities or school district.

Mr. Rieger – We will have a final report.

Mr. Kern – Did we get any information from the Peer Recreation Survey?

Mr. Rieger – We only received 100 responses and the result was inconclusive.

Mr. Ingrhim – I don't feel we need to keep items #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, or #7 on the agenda for each meeting. There has not been much activity. We can always add them back on if need be.

Ms. Huhn – I will remove Joint COG Projects (Saucon Rail Trail and Peer Recreation Study Committee), Saucon Valley Compost Center, Road and Traffic (Route 412), Fire Services, and Library Task Force from the agendas.

3. Roads & Traffic (Polk Valley Road/412 Intersection HOP Application) – Update

There was nothing to report.

4. Saucon Valley Compost Center – Update

There was nothing to report. The next meeting is scheduled for September 27th at 4:00 pm.

5. Fire Services – Update

Mr. Rieger – I have not heard anything or received any minutes.

Ms. Lum – Is Leithsville Fire Company planning to rebuild?

Mr. Ingrhim – They are in the process of figuring that out.

6. Library Task Force – Update

Mr. Kern – There was a final presentation given to Councils. The conclusion was that it is feasible to merge with the Hellertown Area Library.

7. Regional Police Study – Update

Mr. Rieger – We have met and are discussing logistics. We will continue to hold meetings.

8. Other Issues

1. Emergency Management Notification System

There was nothing to report.

2. Allentown NIZ – EIT Discussion

Ms. Kichline – Has anyone received the EIT monies owed to the municipalities?

Ms. Gorman – I was told by Keystone and Berkheimer that the money was transferred to the municipalities in August. There was not an itemized breakdown given.

Mr. Rieger – Can we hold meetings every other month? There has not been a lot on the agenda to hold a meeting every month.

Motion made by Thomas Rieger, seconded by Lanita Lum, to hold meetings every other month unless something comes up. The 2013 schedule will be discussed later this year. Motion unanimously carried.

F. County Report

1. County Bridge #15 (Meadows Road Bridge)

Ms. Bartlett was not able to attend the meeting.

G. Citizen Comments on Non – Agenda Items

There were no Citizen comments.

H. Calendar of Events

No events were available.

I. Adjournment

Motion made by Glenn Kern, seconded by Thomas Rieger, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion was unanimously carried.