

HERMITAGE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



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Office of Community & Economic Development

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MEETING AGENDA

Sharon Regional Diagnostic & Imaging Center
295 N. Kerrwood Drive

January 11, 2018
NOON (12:00 p.m.)

- 1) **GENERAL**
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Public Comments
 - C. Consideration of Approval of Minutes for October 5, 2017

- 2) **FINANCIAL REPORTS**
 - A. Revolving Loan Funds (RLF)
 - RLF Financial Report
 - Landscape & Façade Financial Report
 - RLF Repayment Report

- 3) **BUSINESS MEETING**
 - A. Sharon Regional Medical Center Update – Joseph G. Hugar, President
 - B. Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Ordinance Update
 - C. Comprehensive Recreation & Trails Plan Update

- 4) **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- 5) **ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES
HERMITAGE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
October 5, 2017

The Hermitage Community and Economic Development Commission held a meeting October 5, 2017 at the Training & Workforce Center, LindenPointe, Hermitage, PA.

HCEDC Members Attending: Rex Knisley
Robert Cucitrone
Meg Grober
Meghann Flynn
Anthony Pagliaroli
Angela Palumbo

HCEDC Members not in Attendance: George Kraynak

HCEDC Commissioner Representative: William J. Moder, III

Others in Attendance: Gary Gulla
Gary Hinkson
Jeremy Coxe
Neil Hosick
Mary Ellen McKendry
William McConnell, Jr.
Ketaki Desai, PHD

I. GENERAL

A. Call to Order

Rex Knisley called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

B. Public Comments

No public comments.

C. Consideration of Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the July 13, 2017 regular meeting. Angela Palumbo moved to approve the minutes for July 13, 2017. Meg Grober seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

II. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Monthly RLF Reports - August

Gary Gulla reviewed the financials for the RFL Fund, motion was made to approve by Meg Grober, seconded by Meghann Flynn.

III. BUSINESS MEETING

Ketaki Desai, PHD, Executive Director of the eCenter at LindenPointe, welcomed the group to the Training & Workforce Center. She gave a brief synopsis from the inception of the eCenter to where it is today. Ketaki provided highlights of 4 different programs; the accelerator program, the High School Entrepreneurship Academy, College Connections and the Incubator program.

Ketaki explained the eAcademy program where high school students from surrounding school districts meet daily during the school year, for 3 hours to learn how to start and successfully run a company. These are not your typical jewelry or t-shirt type businesses, they are very technically and highly developed business plans.

Jeremy Coxe reported that the Hermitage Board of Commissioners selected a consultant for the Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Ordinance Update at their September board meeting. Mackin Engineering and Consulting, Pittsburgh, PA came with a high recommendation from not only city staff, but also a search committee. The City has appointed a 20-member steering committee that will help the consultant along with city staff to develop a plan which will take approximately 12-18 months to complete.

Jeremy also presented the application for the upcoming 2017 Program. The City is making application for \$269,615 grant from the 2017 CDBG program. Part of this money is being earmarked for ADA improvements to the Performing Arts Center restroom at Buhl Park and ADA accessibility to the entrances at the eCenter @ LindenPointe and the Training & Workforce Development Center, Innovation Way. The Hermitage Board of Commissioners intends to take action upon the FY 2017 CDBG Application at their regular meeting, November 21, 2017.

IV. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Gary Gulla announced the schedule for the 2018 HCEDC meetings as follows:

January 11, 2018
April 5, 2018
July 12, 2018
October 4, 2018

Locations to be determined at a later date.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Tony Pagliaroli made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 1:05 p.m., seconded by Bob Cucitrone.

Interested board members were invited to stay for a tour of the new completed CHIP Building.

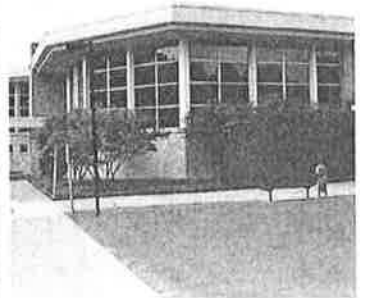
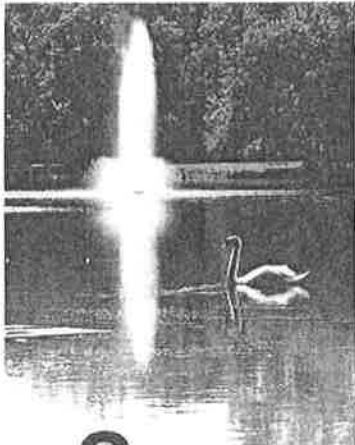
Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKendry
Recording Secretary

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Pending Approval
01/11/2018

**City of Hermitage
 Planning Development Department
 Revolving Loan Fund Financial Report
 November 2017**

Beginning Balance	\$	285,071.73
<u>Add</u> Program Income	\$	5,790.31
Sub-Total	\$	290,862.04
<u>Less</u> Program Administration	\$	(442.72)
Current Balance Available	\$	290,419.32
Projected Revenue Activity		
Month End thru Calendar Year End	\$	5,790.31
Projected Calendar Year End		
Balance Available	\$	296,209.63
CHIP accumulated accrued interest:		
City -	\$2,098.20	
SVEZC -	\$3,512.10	
PNDC -	\$3,512.10	



Comprehensive Plan Update

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What is a Comprehensive Plan?

Municipal planning is authorized by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. A comprehensive plan is a municipality's official statement of its vision, goals and objectives as well as the guide for the future development. It serves as a reference point for the governing body's development and budget decisions and capital improvements priorities. It is a guide for private-sector decision-making and it provides guidelines for planning commission reviews of subdivision and land development applications. It is the basis for the community's land use regulations and updates.

Why is the City updating its plan?

The City of Hermitage last adopted a complete comprehensive plan in 1993, although several targeted plans have been undertaken since then. The purpose of a comprehensive plan update is to identify what has changed since the last plan and re-evaluate the City's vision, goals and strategies for guiding future development. The plan update will answer the following questions:

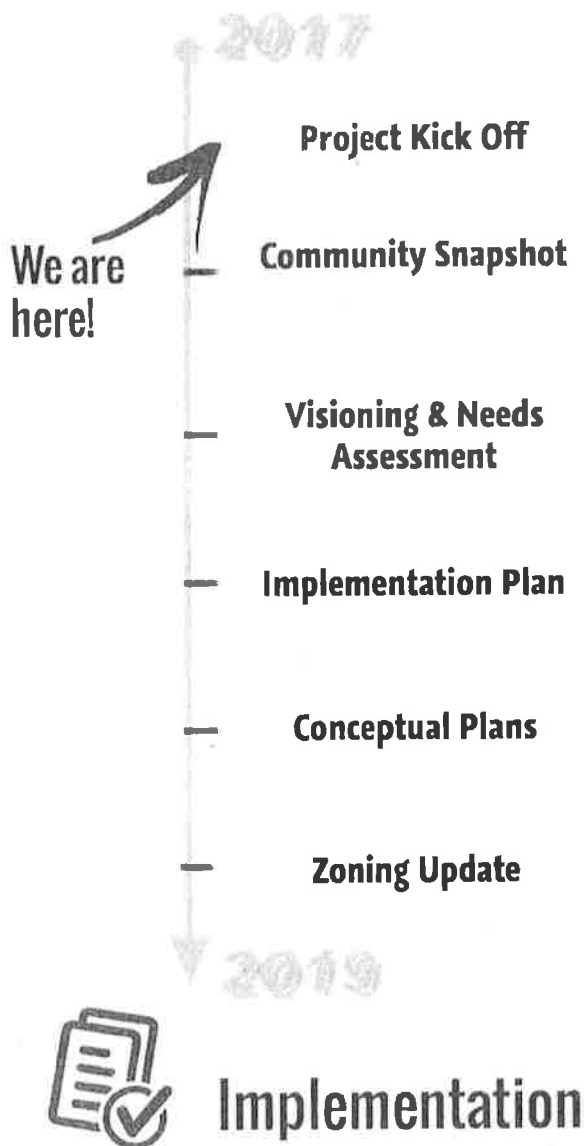
- » What has changed in terms of who lives and works here?
- » What plans have been completed and of those, what projects have been implemented?
- » What are the most pressing needs facing the City in the next 10 years?
- » What impacts does the future land use plan have on current zoning and land use regulations?

Who is involved?

To assist Hermitage in updating its plan, the City hired planning consultants Mackin Engineering Company. The planning process will be led by the City's Planning and Development Department and a Steering Committee appointed by the Board of Commissioners.

The Committee is comprised of representatives from the City's Planning Commission, Community and Economic Development Commission, Municipal Authority, Parks and Recreation Commission, Lindenpointe Development Corporation, Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce, Mercer County Regional Planning Commission and local businesses and organizations.

Project Timeline



City of Hermitage Comprehensive Plan Goals:

- ✎ To create a comprehensive plan for the City, in accordance with the requirements of Article III of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.
- ✎ To place a strong emphasis on providing a framework and vision for an extensive update of the City Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, including flexibility and appropriate mixing of land uses.
- ✎ To build on the appropriate aspects and wisdom of prior City Plans.
- ✎ To involve and engage the community in efficient, effective and innovative ways.
- ✎ To promote and facilitate economic development and prosperity in the City and region, particularly in the City Center and areas currently zoned Commercial, Industrial and Planned Technical Park.
- ✎ To coordinate and collaborate with the Hermitage Municipal Authority as to their Act 537 Plan update.
- ✎ To consider alternative and emerging housing needs and solutions.
- ✎ To strengthen and enhance quality of life in all aspects for current and future residents and visitors to the City.
- ✎ To protect the natural environment and promote sustainable development.

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