LACKAWANNA COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 11th, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of the Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission was held at the Electric City Trolley Museum, 300 Cliff St., Scranton, PA 18503 on June 11th, 2026. Carol Scrimalli began the meeting at 10:35 AM.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following members were present:

Carol Scrimalli
Rosemary Broderick
Harry Lindsay
Chet Merli Jr.
Tony Grizzanti
John Pocius

Absent were:
Cindy Campbell
Germaine Carey
Bruce Zero

Also in attendance:
Mary Liz Donato, Director
Jessica Edwards, Regional Planning Manager
Eric Middleton, Transportation Planning Manager
Paul Dunay, Senior Planner
Robert Kenney, Associate Planner

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment offered at the meeting.

MINUTES

Carol Scrimalli stated the minutes for the May 14th Board Meeting had been distributed via e-mail to the board. She asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the documents. Hearing no comments, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. A motion to approved was made by Rosemary Broderick with a second from Harry Lindsay. The motion carried on a voice vote.

BILLS

Mary Liz Donato: Travel Reimbursement/Land Conservation Conf.	$730.39
Mary Liz Donato: Travel Reimbursement	$213.75

Mary Liz Donato: PMPEI Zoning Courses Food Reimbusement	$616.09
Environmental Planning & Design: NorLACK Regional Plan	$5,742.10
Paul Dunay: Travel Reimbusement	$60.03

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Correspondence from Mr. Kenney to Cody Hoover, Penn Strategies, regarding a Commonwealth Financing Authority's Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant for the Moosic Comprehensive Recreation, Park Open Space, and Trail Plan. The project will develop a plan to support future recreational investments and community improvements. He wrote that the project is consistent with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Comprehensive Plan of 2021 and noted that the LCRPC supports the plan.

B. Correspondence from Mr. Dunay to Michael Fenick, of Colwell-Naegele Associates, on behalf of Clarks Summit Borough, regarding a DCED Watershed Restoration & Protection Grant for stream restoration along Ackerly Creek. He wrote that the project is supported by the Lackawanna County 2021 Hazard Mitigation plan consistent with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Comprehensive Plan of 2021. She also noted that the LCRPC supports the plan.

C. Correspondence from Mr. Kenney to Kristin Jenkins, Total Grant Services, regarding a Commonwealth Financing Authority's Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant for improvements to Old Forge's Pagnotti Park. The project will construct a pedestrian bridge and upgrade a walking trail to connect the park and Villa Road. He wrote that the project is consistent with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Comprehensive Plan of 2021 and noted that the LCRPC supports the plan.

D. Correspondence from Mr. Kenney to Sandra Opshinsky Hailstone, Lackawanna County Grants Manager, regarding a Flood Mitigation Program grant application for obtaining permanent easements on the properties covering the Lackawanna River levee in Throop Borough, in order to allow levee repairs, tree/brush removal, and encroachment removal. He wrote that the project is consistent with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Comprehensive Plan of 2021 and noted that the LCRPC supports the plan.

E. Correspondence from Mr. Kenney to Sandra Opshinsky Hailstone, Lackawanna County Grants Manager, regarding a Flood Mitigation Program grant application for repairing the scour along the Lackawanna River levee in Throop Borough, as well as improvements that will help prevent future scour. He wrote that the project is consistent with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Comprehensive Plan of 2021 and noted that the LCRPC supports the plan.

Act 67 and 68 Reviews and Chapter 102 Permits

Municipality	Development Name	Engineer/ Consultant	Date Received	Date Replied
Scranton	CSO Regulator Improv.	GHD	5/20/26	5/20/26

OLD BUSINESS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM – FY 2025-26

1. ADMINISTRATION

No activity.

2. SYSTEMS PLANNING

Eric Middleton participated in a virtual meeting regarding Vulnerable Road User Safety for the LLTS MPO on May 18th.

3. PROGRAMMING

The public comment period for the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) began on June 5 and will end on July 6. A hybrid TIP public comment meeting will be held on June 24th at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Airport. A public hearing and adoption of the TIP will take place at the July 7th quarterly MPO meeting at LCTA in Wilkes-Barre.

SCRANTON-NEW YORK PASSENGER RAIL RESUMPTION

No activity.

HAZARD MITIGATION

FEMA has completed the review of the Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Several pages of comments were received; the consultant is in the process of addressing the comments for resubmission to FEMA for approval. FEMA has extended the grant performance period another year, to August 5, 2027.

NORTHERN LACKAWANNA PLANNING ASSOCIATION (NorLack)

The series of meetings with the local planning commissions to review and discuss the zoning ordinance updates continues and will conclude by the end of June. Greenfield and Mayfield have formally motioned to move the draft to the governing body for action to start the 45-day public review period and schedule a public hearing. The remaining municipalities will follow suite by the end of June.

NORTH POCONO PLANNING ASSOCIATION (NPPA)

The first three sections of the draft comprehensive plan have been completed and will be discussed at the June 10th planning committee meeting. These sections include Existing Conditions Summary, Plan Framework & Implementation Strategy, and Regional & Planning Context. The complete draft is anticipated by August.

SCRANTON-ABINGTONS PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SAPA)

The SAPA planning committee met on May 29th at the South Abington Municipal Building to discuss several issues including a zoning permit addendum, data center information and potential amendments, and the intergovernmental regional planning cooperative agreement. It was suggested that some form of electronic communication be established for members to share information and keep abreast of ongoing issues affecting the SAPA region. Olga Trushina from Clarks Green volunteered to create a SAPA Teams group chat.

ACT 167 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

No activity.

OPEN SPACE, TRAILS, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION MASTER PLAN

No activity.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Development Reviews

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED on this 11th day of June in 2026, the Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission, having received and reviewed the following proposals:

Municipality	Nature of Proposal
Madison	Chapman Lot Unification
Olyphant	Triboro Commerce Park
Blakely	Lands of Krisa
Madison	Lands of Wiggins
Madison	Summit at Maple Grove
Covington	Revision: Nammo Pocal Expansion
Dickson City	Lands of Karam & Hall
Olyphant	Loyack Lot Consolidation
Fell	Lands of Cabrera
Newton	Lands of Merkel
Roaring Brook	Lands of Dogleg, LLC

Roaring Brook	Lands of H&P Partnership
Roaring Brook	Lands of Depew
Scranton	Lands of SDA/3 Properties, LLC
South Abington	7 Brew Coffee
Taylor	Lands of Fortuna
Greenfield	Carbondale Dollar General
Greenfield	Lands of Bond Revocable Trust
Scott	Lands of Guari
Waverly	Lands of BPFOM, LLC

Throop	Zoning Ord. Amend.: Warehouses in E-1
Archbald	SALDO Amend.:Redesignation of approval authority
Thornhurst	Zoning Ord. Amend: Data Centers

do hereby submit the following reports, which are attached hereto and made part hereof, pursuant to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

A motion to recommend approval of the reviews was made by Rosemary Broderick with a second from Harry Lindsay. The motion carried on a voice vote. John Pocius abstained from the vote for any plans prepared by Labella.

B. COLTS FY25-26 UPWP Contract

A motion to recommend approval of the contract was made by John Pocius with a second from Tony Grizzanti. The motion carried on a voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion to vote on Summer Recess (July & August) was made by Harry Lindsay with a second by Rosemary Broderick. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment offered at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

As all business had been conducted, a motion to adjourn was made by John Pocius with a second by Tony Grizzanti. The motion carried.

Submitted by

Mary Liz Donato

Director