LACKAWANNA COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 9th, 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 April 9th, 2026. Germaine Carey began the meeting at 10:31 AM.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following members were present:

Germaine Carey
Harry Lindsay
Chet Merli Jr.
Tony Grizzanti
John Pocius
Bruce Zero

Absent were:
Carol Scrimalli
Rosemary Broderick
Cindy Campbell

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
Tasiyah Johnson, Public

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment offered at the meeting.

MINUTES

Germaine Carey stated the minutes for the March 12th 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 approve was made by John Pocius with a second from Harry Lindsay. The motion carried on a voice vote.

BILLS

Luzerne County: LRTP Updates Invoice 21 $93.15

Bowman Consulting: Safe Streets 4 All Plan	$7,439.04
The Times Tribune: Farmland Preservation Meeting Ad.: 3/24/26 Mtg.	$105.38
ESRI, Inc.: GIS License	$5,982.00

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Correspondence from Ms. Edwards to Wendy Bochnovich, of Mayfield Borough Council, regarding a DCED Flood Mitigation Grant Application for repairs to nine pipes within the levee system. She wrote that the project is consistent with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Comprehensive Plan of 2021 and supported by the Lackawanna County Hazard Mitigation Plan. She also noted that the LCRPC supports the project.

B. Correspondence from Mr. Kenney to Dickson City Borough, regarding a DCNR Park Development grant application for the proposed renovation of City Line Park. Proposed improvements include improved, ADA-compliant access to the park, a playground for young children, a wiffleball field, several tree plantings, and additional parking to support increased use of the park for the local Little League. He wrote that the project is consistent with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Comprehensive Plan of 2021 and noted that the LCRPC supports the plan.

C. Correspondence from Ms. Edwards to Kate Ebel, of Wildlands Conservancy, regarding a DCNR grant application titled, "Enhancing Habitat & Restoring Aquatic Connectivity on Major Tributaries to the Delaware River". In conjunction with the PA Game Commission, improvements include the removal of a defunct dam, replacement of an oversized culvert with a larger span bridge and removal of phragmites from the wetland areas. She wrote that the project is consistent with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Comprehensive Plan of 2021 and supported by the Lackawanna-Luzerne County's Open Space, Greenways and Outdoor Recreation Plan. She also noted that the LCRPC supports the application.

Act 67 and 68 Reviews and Chapter 102 Permits

Municipality	Development Name	Engineer/ Consultant	Date Received	Date Replied
Madison	Summit at Maple Grove	KSG	3/10/26	3/10/26
Covington	Hollister Reservoir	GFT	3/20/26	3/20/26
Archbald	Project Boson	KCI	4/1/26	4/1/26

OLD BUSINESS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM – FY 2024-2025

1. ADMINISTRATION

Mary Liz Donato and Eric Middleton attended the virtual MPO quarterly pre-meeting on March 20th to review the agenda for the April 7th quarterly meeting.

Mary Liz Donato and Eric Middleton participated in a virtual meeting with PennDOT central office and D-4 staff regarding a Montage Mountain Connectivity study.

Mary Liz Donato, Eric Middleton, and Jessica Edwards attended a meeting with Luzerne County staff at PennDOT D-4 on March 31st to meet the new District Executive, Jonathan Eboli.

2. SYSTEMS PLANNING

The Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Action Plan was adopted by the Commissioners at their March 18th meeting and presented to the MPO at the April 7th meeting. The plan can be found on the county website.

Mary Liz Donato and Eric Middleton participated in the 1st quarter meeting of the Eastern PA Freight Alliance on March 16th.

Mary Liz Donato and Eric Middleton attended a virtual meeting on March 18th for the Group 6 PPP (Power Production Program) Fort Drum, NY to the Port of Philadelphia hosted by US DOT and the US Army Transportation Command. The meeting was attended by Pennsylvania stakeholders and discussed details about military equipment to mobilize and coordinate during deployment activities. Interstates 81 and 476 with the LLTS MPO are part of the designated route to move Fort Drum equipment to the Port of Philadelphia.

Mary Liz Donato and Eric Middleton attended a virtual Valley in Motion meeting on March 20th for an update to the South Scranton Connector Trail project.

Eric Middleton and Jessica Edwards attended the annual PennDOT Connects Municipal Outreach workshop on April 2nd at the D-4 offices.

Mary Liz Donato and Eric Middleton attended the annual PennDOT Officials Outreach Meeting on April 7th.

Mary Liz Donato, Eric Middleton, and Jessica Edwards attended the April 7th LLTS MPO quarterly meeting at the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Airport.

3. PROGRAMMING

Mary Liz Donato, Eric Middleton, and Jessica Edwards attended a TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) update meeting at NEPA Alliance on March 17th.

SCRANTON-NEW YORK PASSENGER RAIL RESUMPTION

No activity.

HAZARD MITIGATION

The plan is still under FEMA review. The current plan expires in May.

NORTHERN LACKAWANNA PLANNING ASSOCIATION (NorLack)

The comprehensive plan has been adopted by all five municipalities. A series of meetings with the local planning commissions will occur over the next three months to discuss and assemble the draft zoning ordinances.

NORTH POCONO PLANNING ASSOCIATION (NPPA)

No activity.

SCRANTON-ABINGTONS PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SAPA)

The Commissioners approved the authorization for the planning department to apply for the DCED MAP funding on March 18th and the grant application was submitted to DCED on March 25th. The project is estimated at $180,000, with $90,000 sought from the DCED grant.

ACT 167 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

No activity.

OPEN SPACE, TRAILS, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION MASTER PLAN

The planning office will be seeking a grant from PA DCNR to update the 2004 Lackawanna-Luzerne Open Space, Greenways, and Outdoor Recreation Maste Plan. Both counties will be developing individual updates on the direction of DCNR. The applications are due April 30th.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Development Reviews

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED on this 9th day of April in 2026, the Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission, having received and reviewed the following proposals:

Municipality	Nature of Proposal

Scranton	Wright Center Land Dev.
Scranton/Dunmore	Lands of 1801 Jefferson LLC
Scranton/Dunmore	Lands of Marywood Univ.
Scranton	Copacapana Complex, Revis.
Mayfield	Mayfield Solar Project
Moosic	AutoZone #10927 Revision
Scranton	Lands of Fleck
Newton	Lands of Sespico
Olyphant	1220 E. Lack. Ave., LLC

Jessup	Zoning Amend: Noise/Vibration regs.
Spring Brook	Zoning Amend: Data Centers/Poultry/Political signs
Moosic	Zoning Amend: Data Centers
Greenfield	Zoning Amend: Data Centers
Clifton	SALDO Replacement
Waverly	Zoning Amend: Zoning Districts

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 Bruce Zero with a second from Chet Merli Jr. The motion carried on a voice vote. John Pocius and Cindy Campbell abstained from the vote for any plans prepared by Labella.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business offered at the meeting.

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 Harry Lindsay with a second by John Pocius. The motion carried.

Submitted by
Mary Liz Donato
Director