LACKAWANNA COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 8th, 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 January 8th, 2026. Carol Scrimalli began the meeting at 10:35 AM.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following members were present:

Cindy Campbell
Rosemary Broderick
John Pocius
Carol Scrimalli
Tony Grizzanti
Germaine Carey
Chet Merli Jr.

Absent were:
Harry Lindsay
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

ADDENDUM ADDITION

A motion to add the addendum to the plan reviews was made by John Pocius with a second from Germaine Carey. The motion carried on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment offered at the meeting.

MINUTES

Carol Scrimalli stated the minutes for the December 11th 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 Rosemary Broderick with a second from Cindy Campbell. The motion carried on a voice vote.

BILLS

Bowman Consulting Group: Safe Streets 4 All Plan	$23,608.20
Environmental Planning & Design: NorLACK Plan Invoice 11	$1,366.08
Mary Liz Donato: Travel Reimbursement	$23.10
Jessica Edwards: Travel Reimbursement	$162.38
Eric Middleton: Travel Reimbursment	$61.60
Paul Dunay: Travel Reimbursment	$27.00
Mary Liz Donato: Travel Reimbursement/LCRPC Luncheon	$315.34
Luzerne County: LRTP Updates	$2,395.49

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Correspondence from Ms. Edwards to Wendy Bochnovich, Mayfield Borough Council Member, regarding a LSA Statewide funding application for the proposed construction of a municipal garage. Construction began in 2022; however, due to budgetary restraints was not finished as planned. She wrote that the LCRPC supports the endeavor and that the project is consistent with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Plan of 2021.

B. Correspondence from Ms. Edwards to Wendy Bochnovich, Mayfield Borough Council Member, regarding a LSA Statewide funding application for the proposed paving of municipal roads. She wrote that the LCRPC supports the endeavor and that the project is consistent with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Plan of 2021.

Act 67 and 68 Reviews and Chapter 102 Permits

Municipality	Development Name	Engineer/ Consultant	Date Received	Date Replied
Scranton	PA American Water Watres Raw Replacement	GFT	12/09/25	12/12/25
Scranton	Lucky Run Stream Rest.	Atlas	12/15/25	12/15/25
Scranton	Connell Park	GPI	12/16/25	12/16/25
Scranton	CSO Outfall, Genet St.	GHD	12/29/25	12/29/25
Moosic	Auto Zone Retail Store	MDM	12/30/25	12/30/25

OLD BUSINESS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM – FY 2024-2025

1. ADMINISTRATION

The 3rd Quarter FY 2024-25 invoice has been submitted to PennDOT in the amount of $62,096.29, of which $6,291.59 is pass through FTA funds for COLTS.

2. SYSTEMS PLANNING

Mary Liz Donato attended a presentation by a representative of Lehigh & Northampton Transit Authority (LANTA) regarding Transit Oriented Development on November 18th. The presentation was sponsored by NEPA Moves and held at the Chamber of Commerce.

Mary Liz and Eric Middleton attended a virtual TIP development meeting with PennDOT central office and MPO staff on November 19th.

Mary Liz Donato attended a virtual meeting on December 8th with county officials and PA Turnpike Commission staff regarding a possible new interchange at SR 502.

Mary Liz Donato and Eric Middleton participated in the monthly long-range transportation plan meeting with the consultant and MPO staff on December 9th. The 30-day public comment review period has ended. No comments were received. The plan is slated to be adopted at the January 13th MPO meeting.

The final draft of the SS4A Action Plan was received from the consultant on December 8th. The plan will be advertised for a 30-day public comment period, with adoption by the county commissioners early next year.

SCRANTON-NEW YORK PASSENGER RAIL RESUMPTION

Jessica Edwards and Eric Middleton attended a virtual stakeholder kick-off meeting on December 4th for the Step 2 Service Development Plan of the FRA Corridor ID Program. A project scope of work was reviewed. The next stakeholder meeting will be held in March.

HAZARD MITIGATION

Staff comments on the draft plan were submitted to the consultant. It will be advertised for a two-week public comment period once the comments have been addressed.

NORTHERN LACKAWANNA PLANNING ASSOCIATION (NorLack)

The governing bodies are in the process of announcing the public comment period and public hearings to be held in February with adoption following the hearings. The 45-day review period will officially begin when the last municipality announces the comment period. The

plan will also be sent to the county planning commission, adjacent municipalities and the local school districts.

NORTH POCONO PLANNING ASSOCIATION (NPPA)

The planning committee held a meeting on November 12th. Detailed summaries of the community surveys and focus group meetings were reviewed. The consultant will be developing goals and objectives to be presented at the next committee meeting on February 11th.

SCRANTON-ABINGTONS PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SAPA)

An informational meeting of the SAPA municipalities and new committee members was held on November 20th at the South Abington Twp. Municipal Building. The first step for the municipalities will be to approve an extension of the current ICA and approve a resolution committing funds and authorizing the county to apply for the DCED MAP grant to update the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances.

ACT 167 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

No activity.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Development Reviews

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED on this 8th day of January in 2026, the Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission, having received and reviewed the following proposals:

Municipality	**Nature of Proposal**
Olyphant	Lands of Klem
Dickson City	Kriger Center St. Subdivision
City of Carbondale	Lands of Lucas
Scranton	Wayne Ave. Lot Consolidation
Madison	Lands of Beavers & Ciscoe
Benton	Lands of Duda
Archbald *(Addendum Addition)*	Project Boson
Covington	Map Amend.: MP-RV to M-1
Dickson City	Zoning Amend: data center regs.

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Carbondale City, Carbondale Twp., Jermyn, Mayfield, & Greenfield	NorLack Regional Comprehensive Plan

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 Tony Grizzanti. The motion carried on a voice vote. John Pocius and Cindy Campbell abstained from the vote for any plans prepared by Labella.

OTHER BUSINESS

Elections for new officers took place. A motion to recommend maintaining the same officers as in 2025 was made by Tony Grizzanti with a second from Rosemary Broderick. The motion carried on a voice vote.

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 Cindy Campbell. The motion carried.

Submitted by
Mary Liz Donato
Director