LACKAWANNA COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 12th, 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 March 12th, 2026. Carol Scrimalli began the meeting at 10:32 AM.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following members were present:

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

Absent were:
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 February 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: AMPO Membership Invoice 2	$1,556.07
Vision Planning: Hazard Mitigation Plan Invoice 16	$700.00

The Times Tribune: North Pocono Planning Asso. Meeting Ad. 2/11/26	$110.40
PA State Association of Boroughs: May 2026 PMPEI Training	$1,750.00
Luzerne County: LRTP Update Invoice 20	$1,834.87
WeConserve PA: 2026 Land Conservation Conf. Registration - Donato	$435.00
WeConserve PA: 2026 Land Conservation Conf. Registration - Edwards	$435.00
The Times Tribune: NorLACK Comp. Plan Public Hearings (March)	$2,007.96
The Times Tribune: NorLACK Comp. Plan Public Hearings (Feb.)	$115.42
iSign Architectural Signage: Planning Director Room ID Sign	$95.00

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Correspondence from Mr. Kenney to Blakely Borough regarding a PennDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Application for replacement of a pedestrian bridge connecting the Blakely Borough Recreation Complex and Condella Park. 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. Kenney to Sandra Opshinsky Hailstone, of the Lackawanna County Dept. of Economic Development, regarding a PennDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Application for road widening and signage for Montage Mountain Road in Moosic Borough. Proposed improvements include programmable overhead signs to dynamically manage traffic flows during peak periods. 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 David Berry, Thornhurst Planning Commission Secretary, regarding a courtesy review of Thornhurst Township's proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to address data centers. She advised that a section of the proposed amendment references nuclear energy; however, verbiage to address nuclear components was not included in the amendment or the existing ordinance. Sample language was provided. Additionally, she recommended revisions to the proposed Decommissioning section of the proposed ordinance. Ms. Edwards also reminded Mr. Berry that the proposed amendment will need to be submitted to the LCRPC for official review in compliance with the MPC.

D. Correspondence from Mr. Dunay to JoAnne Pane, South Abington Township Manager, regarding a PennDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Application for improvements and the replacement of bituminous paving surface on the

900 block of Griffin Pond 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.

Act 67 and 68 Reviews and Chapter 102 Permits

Municipality	Development Name	Engineer/ Consultant	Date Received	Date Replied
Mayfield	Solar Star Mayfield	TRC Companies	2/25/26	2/25/26

OLD BUSINESS
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM – FY 2024-2025

1. ADMINISTRATION

The 4th Quarter FY 2024-25 invoice has been submitted to PennDOT in the amount of $60,625.61, of which $4,984.84 is pass through FTA funds for COLTS.

2. SYSTEMS PLANNING

Adoption of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Action Plan will be on the Commissioners' March 18 meeting agenda. The plan can be found on the county website.

Mary Liz Donato, Eric Middleton, and Jessica Edwards participated in the February 18th Bi-Monthly Planning Partners call.

Mary Liz Donato and Eric Middleton virtually attended the 1st quarter meeting of NEPA Moves.

SCRANTON-NEW YORK PASSENGER RAIL RESUMPTION

PennDOT conducted a virtual public meeting and gave an overview of the passenger rail resumption project on February 19th. They answered about 30 questions from the public who were in attendance.

HAZARD MITIGATION

PEMA has approved the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, and it has been sent to FEMA for the final review and approval. Once FEMA approves the plan, it will be adopted by the Commissioners. The current plan expires in May.

NORTHERN LACKAWANNA PLANNING ASSOCIATION (NorLack)

The planning committee met on February 25th at Whites Crossing Hose Co. to finalize any issues or concerns before the adoption hearings began in March and to review the schedule for the upcoming zoning ordinance reviews by the local planning commissions.

NORTH POCONO PLANNING ASSOCIATION (NPPA)

The committee members were emailed an electronic survey of goals and the vision statement to be discussed and ranked by each municipality. Rankings of the goals were to be done on a municipal and regional level. The deadline to return the survey is April 6th.

SCRANTON-ABINGTONS PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SAPA)

All the SAPA municipalities have adopted the resolutions extending the current Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement and authorizing the county to apply for DCED funding for the comprehensive plan update and commitment of local match funds. Authorization for the planning department to apply for the DCED MAP funding is on the Commissioners' March 18th meeting agenda. The deadline to apply is April 1st.

ACT 167 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

No activity.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Development Reviews

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED on this 12th day of March in 2026, the Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission, having received and reviewed the following proposals:

Municipality	**Nature of Proposal**
Throop	Lands of the Hart Trust
Archbald	Project North
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North Abington	Lands of Hull
Roaring Brook	Lands of Koizen & McPhillips
Scranton	New Auto Body Shop Land Dev.
Scott	Lands of Tokarczyk
Scott	Lands of Genack
Scott	Pivot Solar Development Revised
Clarks Summit	Lands of Norfolk Southern Railway Co.
Thornhurst	Lands Burdzy
Greenfield	Lands of Snyder Jr. Revised
Archbald	Electric City Dentistry/Prof. Offices
Roaring Brook	Lands of Perry/DAP & Sons Holdings, LLC

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

B. Annual Report

Mary Liz Donato presented the 2025 Planning Commission Annual Report, a motion to approve the annual report was made by Rosemary Broderick with a second from John Pocius. The motion carried on a voice vote.

C. Appointment of Planning Commission representative to the LLTS MPO Technical Committee

After a short discussion, a motion to appoint Eric Middleton as the Planning Commission representative for the LLTS MPO Technical Committee was made by John Pocius with a second from Cindy Campbell. The motion carried on a voice vote.

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 Bruce Zero with a second by Harry Lindsay. The motion carried.

Submitted by
Mary Liz Donato
Director