

**NJCPA Regular Meeting
Holland Activity Center, Tatum Room
Middletown, NJ
February 15, 2019**

Member Attendance:

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
John Peterson	Atlantic	Gerry Scharfenberger	Monmouth
Ranae Fehr	Atlantic	Christine Marion	Morris
Katelynn Wintz	Cape May	Jason Rotter	Morris
Francesca Giarratana	Hudson	Michael Lysicatos	Passaic
George Ververides	Middlesex	Walter Lane	Somerset
Stanley R. Olszewski	Middlesex	Laurette Kratina	Somerset
Laurie Sobel	Middlesex	Tony McCracken	Somerset
Nick Tufaro	Middlesex	Kate Katzer	Somerset
Linda Brennen	Monmouth		

Other Agencies/Guests:

David Hojsak	FEMA
Allen Weston	NJAC

Welcome & Introduction:

NJ County Planners Association President Michael Lysicatos called the meeting to order at 11:20am and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone in attendance was asked to introduce themselves.

Business

Executive Committee Report - President Lysicatos reported the Executive Committee met in January and discussed goals and areas of emphasis for 2019:

a. NJAPA Conference Summary in January - An overview of the APA Conference session was presented.

b. 2019 Goals/Areas of Emphasis/Working Topics - President Lysicatos summarized 4 areas that were discussed during the Executive Committee meeting. A discussion ensued regarding: 1. State Plan/Legislative/Executive 2. Resiliency/Sustainability 3. Technological Advances 4. Education. What are the priorities for the group to get its message out? The Executive Committee is looking at speakers to discuss these different areas at CPA meetings throughout the year. The group also discussed other potential areas of interest.

c. Subcommittees and Working Topics - President Lysicatos asked who has experience with or who may be interested in participating in sub-committees for each. An email will be sent out.

d. NJAC Conference Presentation - President Lysicatos would be interested in moderating a panel of Freeholders to discuss what projects they have been able to accomplish through planning efforts.

e. NJ Assembly Bill No. 2005 – The group discussed the potential implications of the bill and the NJCPA’s response letter. Allen Weston reported that it appears that the bill will not move forward. President Lysicatos thanked Christine Marion for her work on the NJCPA letter and she thanked Tony Soriano.

Allen Weston also summarized other bills that are of interest to the group, including:

S1074/A4221 – Public Trust Doctrine – Among other actions, would require a public access plan element in municipal master plans. Passed Senate, referred to Committee in Assembly

S1073 – Authorizes agencies to establish stormwater utilities and charge fees. Passed both houses and is on governor’s desk. A discussion ensued regarding the positives and negatives of the bill. It may be a good topic for the resiliency/sustainability subcommittee.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the December 7, 2018 meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Linda Brennen and seconded by John Peterson. Katelynn Wintz abstained. Minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report

No Treasurer’s Report.

Presentation

President Lysicatos introduced Paul Drake PP, AICP-CEP. PMP - Regional Public Affairs Manager, PSE&G. Mr. Drake highlighted a number of initiatives currently underway and being considered by PSE&G to promote sustainability, realize energy savings, and lower cost. Programs and initiatives include: replacement of older towers; homeowner rebates and audits; municipal grants up to \$2 million to switch to controllers that can perform ‘smart city’ functions; a planned \$260 million investment toward electric vehicles, \$180 million on energy storage projects, among others. PSE&G is looking for support for its new campaign and county planners can help to coordinate these efforts. A discussion ensued. Members asked about the possibility of smaller control units for lights, pole designs that can handle greater ice loads, underground wires/viewshed issues, municipal resistance to pole replacements, changes in energy demand, and how counties might be able to access data to determine whether these projects are working and to help inform decision making. President Lysicatos thanked Mr. Drake for his presentation.

County Project of the Month – Passaic County Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Master Plan

President Lysicatos’ presentation summarized Passaic County’s efforts to develop a Green Stormwater Infrastructure Master Plan. Areas highlighted include: What is green infrastructure? Why is it important? What are the benefits? The County utilized the Stormwater Management Guidance Manual, Green Streets Guidelines, and other planning documents to develop plan recommendations. President Lysicatos then reviewed examples of green infrastructure projects. There was a discussion of how this ties in with municipal stormwater review and infrastructure, coordination with hazard mitigation plans, and ongoing maintenance responsibilities.

Resolutions

None.

Committee Updates and Announcements

President Lysicatos stated that Committee Reports were available for review and will be included in as part of the meeting minutes. The Open Space, Agriculture and Environment Committee Report is attached.

Laurette Kratina mentioned that there are a number of global and national studies coming out that will have major implications for land use and planning, in adaptation and mitigation. This will be a major issue moving forward.

Linda Brennen stated that the CPA was invited to an NJDEP meeting to discuss resiliency and statewide planning. Linda will attend on behalf of NJCPA. If anyone has anything to consider, please email it to Linda and she will take it to the meeting.

Christine Marion said that Morris County was approached by the State OEM for flood acquisition buyouts and was curious about how arduous the process is.

The next meeting will be March 15th at Thompson Park.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:49PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ranae L. Fehr, PP/AICP, 3-15-2019