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Year 2020

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**NJCPA Regular Meeting
December 6, 2019 11:00 am
Holland Activity Center (Tatum Room)
Middletown**

Meeting Minutes

Member Attendance:

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Frances Brown	Atlantic	Vicki Pecchioli	Ocean
Ranae Fehr	Atlantic	Stephanie Specht	Ocean
Ken Aloisio	Bergen	Michael Lysicatos	Passaic
Andrew Levecchia	Camden	Jason Miranda	Passaic
Tony Gambilonghi	Middlesex	Thomas D'Amico	Somerset
Stan Olszewski	Middlesex	Andras Holzmam	Somerset
Nick Tufaro	Middlesex	Kate Katzer	Somerset
George Ververides	Middlesex	Walt Lane	Somerset
Linda Brennan	Monmouth	Kamal Saleh	Union
Christine Marion	Morris		

Other Agencies/Guests:

Gerry Scharfenberger	Monmouth County
Doug Greenfeld	NJTPA

1. Welcome & Introduction:

President Michael Lysicatos called the meeting to order at 11:30 am and welcomed everyone to the holiday luncheon meeting, followed by attendee introductions.

2. Business:

A. **Executive Committee Report: Michael Lysicatos**

a. Year in Review There has been a lot of traction gained in elevating our profession through this organization, and we are hopeful to build on that in the year to come.

b. NJLM Wrap Up - President Lysicatos summarized some of the sessions at the League of Municipalities Conference. These are opportunities to promote what county planning can do, and we can hopefully continue to do so in the future.

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c. NJAPA Presentation – Session scheduled for January. It will be the same format as last year, titled ‘Models in Regional Planning’.

d. Ethics Training Follow Up – If anyone had trouble logging credits for the training, please contact President Lysicatos. It seems like most were able to do so but a few had issues.

e. Holiday Meeting Discussion – President Lysicatos asked the group if there are any other topics that should be discussed. There were no additional items suggested.

B. Meeting Minutes - Draft minutes from the October 18, 2019 meeting were distributed for review. A motion was made by George Ververides, seconded by Kamal Saleh, to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

C. Treasurer’s Report: Walter Lane reported that we have received payments from all but one county because of some ongoing documentation issues with the IRS Form W-9. A motion was made by Kamal Saleh, seconded by George Ververides, to approve the treasurer’s Report. Report was approved.

3. Agency / Partner Updates (NJTPA, OPA, NJAC, RPA etc.):

Doug Greenfeld reported that two of the three Complete Streets training modules were held and were very well attended. The final training will be held in Cumberland County. President Lysicatos noted the Association continues its work with OPA and we are happy with where we are going with our State partners.

4. Wastewater Working Group Discussion:

Walter Lane reported that there have been a number of unsuccessful attempts to set up a meeting with Bruce Friedman. The next conference call is scheduled for January 7th at 2pm.

Following the Wastewater Working Group update, Christine Marion suggested that a working group should be set up to discuss Complete Count Committees and the 2020 Census. Treasurer Lane will try to set up a meeting or a conference call for mid-January. President Lysicatos noted that he received good feedback from the Planning Board working group, and that these types of groups should continue to highlight and further discuss topics of interest.

5. County Project of the Month: Park Rx Initiative:

Nick Tufaro from Middlesex County gave a presentation on various community health initiatives being undertaken in Middlesex County, including the Park Rx program. This program links health care providers and patients to local parks and outdoor recreation facilities. Providers write a prescription for patients to undertake physical activities. They can then access a database of county-wide parks and facilities that can be searched and filtered by location, types of amenities, and level of activity. This is nationwide program, called Park Rx America. Over 34 states and 600+ doctors are currently participating.

6. Election of Officers:

President Lysicatos nominated a slate of officers for the 2020 Executive Committee, as follows:

Secretary – Francesca Giarratana, Hudson County

Treasurer – Ranae Fehr, Atlantic County

President – Walter Lane, Somerset County

Christine Marion seconded the nomination, all voted in favor. George Ververides thanked Michael Lysicatos for his efforts on the Executive Committee and on behalf of the association. Walter Lane presented him with a plaque acknowledging his efforts in support of the County Planners Association. Michael Lysicatos then thanked the group and passed the gavel to Walter Lane as the incoming 2020 President.

Walter Lane thanked Michael and addressed the group. He welcomes any suggestions for initiatives or meeting topics for the coming year. He will send out meeting dates in the next couple of weeks. He reiterated that the working groups have been a great exchange of information.

7. Committee Updates / News:

Kamal Saleh provided Transportation updates on NJ Transit, NJDOT and Port Authority projects. Hard copies of an Open Space Committee report were provided to attendees.

8. Resolutions: No resolutions.

9. Updates/Necessary Business:

Christine Marion commented on the small cell wireless bill and asked if other counties have submitted comments or taken any action. Some members said that their counties are currently reviewing the proposal.

10. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by George Ververides, seconded by Christine Marion. The meeting adjourned at 1:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ranae L. Fehr, PP/AICP 02/21/2020