

PHOENIXVILLE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Minutes of Meeting 162
September 27, 2023

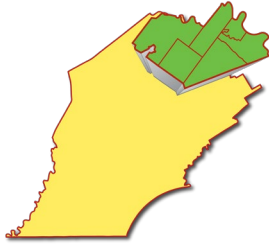
Member Representatives of the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee:¹

<u>Municipality / Organization</u>	<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Planning Commission/Alt. Representative</u>
Charlestown Township	Hugh Willig	Mike Richter /Bill Westhafer
East Pikeland Township	Rusty Strauss	Ron Hoinowski/Terri Woodman
Phoenixville Borough	Richard Kirkner	Debra Johnston
Schuylkill Township	Danielle Jouenne	Barbara Cohen
West Pikeland Township	Richard Bright	Lisa Lacroix
West Vincent Township	Sara Shick	Art Miller
Chester County	Joe Shanley	Bill Deguffroy
<u>Consultants</u>		
Theurkauf Design & Planning, LLC	Edward A. Theurkauf	Nanci Sarcinello
Smith and Porter, P.C.	Catherine Anne Porter	

Also attending:
East Pikeland Planning Commissioner Ezra Brett

This meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

¹ **Bold names** indicate attendees at this meeting



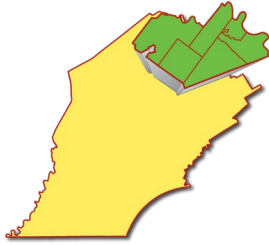
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1	CALL TO ORDER
1.1	Meeting 162 of the Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee (PRPC) was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Rusty Strauss.
2	ROLL CALL
2.1	Member representatives were present as indicated on page 1.
3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3.1	A motion to approve meeting 161 minutes as drafted was made by Barbara Cohen, seconded by Rich Kirkner, and approved unanimously.
4	INVOICE APPROVALS
4.1	<p>The following invoice was considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theurkauf Design & Planning, LLC, #0823-02 - \$2,038.09. <p>A motion to approve the invoice as submitted was made by Barbara Cohen, seconded by Hugh Willig, and approved unanimously.</p>
4.2	<p>The following invoice was considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smith and Porter, P.C., #PRPC-50 - \$252.00. <p>A motion to approve the invoice as submitted was made by Rich Kirkner, seconded by Barbara Cohen, and approved unanimously.</p>
5	CORRESPONDENCE
5.1	PRPC received a letter from Theurkauf Design & Planning requesting reappointment as planning consultant for 2024. Planning consultant billing rates will be unchanged from 2023.
6	NEW BUSINESS
6.1	None.
7	OLD BUSINESS
7.1	<p><u>Membership Expansion – Spring City Borough</u> Borough Manager Kisha Tyler had informed Ed Theurkauf by email that Borough Council is discussing the matter with its Finance and Ordinance Committees on September 27, and thus is not ready to attend the September PRPC meeting.</p> <p>Barbara Cohen opined that Spring City membership made sense from a geographic perspective.</p>
7.2	<p><u>PRPC Trail Committee Update</u> Ed Theurkauf has received scant response to a fall meeting date poll. Instead, he will contact members</p>



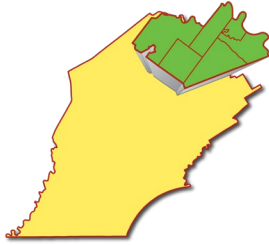
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	<p>directly regarding progress/status updates. A Committee meeting will be scheduled when appropriate.</p> <p>Barbara Cohen reported that County Trail Planner Steve Buck will be presenting at the Schuylkill River Heritage Center on November 9th.</p>
8	MUNICIPAL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS
8.1	<p><u>Charlestown Township</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hugh Willig announced Charlestown Day to be held at Charlestown Park September 30.
8.2	<p><u>East Pikeland Township</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rusty Strauss described discussions between the Township and Phoenixville Area School District regarding the reinstatement of the LERTA (tax abatement) district along Schuylkill Road. LERTA incentives facilitated the environmental/blighted property cleanup and redevelopment at the Westside mixed use development at Schuylkill and Hares Hill Roads. The 150 apartment units add 7 school age children to the district. Ezra Brett reported on a sketch plan for ALDI and Chase Bank at the Kimberton Square retail center. The plan was favorably received by the Planning Commission, but the Commission requested the applicant study ways of reducing the overall amount of parking proposed. Rusty requested that Phoenixville coordinate planned upgrades to Mowere Road with East Pikeland. Rick Kirkner said he would pass the request on to the Borough Manager.
8.3	<p><u>Phoenixville Borough</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rich Kirkner reported on pending approval of an engineering contract for improvements at Starr and Bridge streets. The overall project budget is \$3 million. The last day of 2023 Phoenixville Inside Out is October 2. Toll Brothers has an agreement of sale on the Phoenixville Kindergarten Center, but no plan has been submitted.
8.4	<p><u>Schuylkill Township</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Danielle Jouenne announced the upcoming Board decision on the Wawa application at Route 23 and Whitehorse Road. The Sedgely/Reeves development decision is postponed pending the resolution of outstanding issues with Aqua PA and the Township.
8.5	<p><u>West Pikeland Township</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Bright described a verbal agreement the open Space Committee worked out on a small but valuable piece of connecting open space. Pennsylvania Turnpike bridge work will involve closure of Upper Pine Creek Road and the narrowing of Route 401 to one lane. In addition, PennDOT plans to close Route 401 for reconstruction of a bridge at Anselma. This work is expected in 2024.



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8.6	<u>West Vincent Township</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No report.
8.7	<u>Chester County Planning Commission</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No report.
9	PUBLIC COMMENT / Non- Agenda Items
9.1	There was no public comment.
10	ADJOURNMENT
10.1	Barbara Cohen made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Danielle Jouenne. Rusty Strauss adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward A. Theurkauf, RLA, ASLA, APA
Theurkauf Design & Planning, LLC