



**Lehigh Valley/Berks Section of
APA Pennsylvania**

Section Council Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2025

[Virtual – Microsoft Teams](#)

Section Council in Attendance: Craig Beavers, Samantha McLean, Steven Schrayner, Molly Wood

Guest/Members in Attendance: Meredith Keller, Tina Roseberry, Richard Royer, Taylor Lawrence, Brian Hite, Ben Dinkel, Joey Dotta, Isabella Fiume, Evan Gardi, Mary Grace Collins, Rob Melosky, Simon Wangolo, Thiago Correa de Almeida, Christian Martinez, Kevin Murphy

1. Welcome

Craig Beavers opened the meeting at 12:02PM and thanked everyone for coming.

2. Minutes Approval

Craig Beavers asked if there were any corrections to the March minutes. There were none. The minutes stand approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Rick Roseberry was unable to attend; there is no Treasurer's Report.

4. Planning Partner Reports

a. Berks County Planning Commission

Taylor Lawrence provided an update for the Berks County Planning Commission.

BCPC is finalizing the move to their new offices at 400 E Wyomissing Ave, Mohnton, PA 19540.

The PA Land Institute event went well and had great attendance from the community.

BCPC continues to coordinate with municipalities on several multi-municipal planning efforts.

BCPC held the kickoff for their County Comprehensive Plan Update and announced the meeting schedule for their Metropolitan Transportation Plan effort.

Schuylkill River Passenger Rail Authority will hold a meeting on April 28, 2025 in Pottstown to discuss their Corridor Identification and Development Plan.

BCPC and Albright college will be hosting a PMPEI course in Community Planning in April.

Dave Hunter attended National Planning Conference in Denver. He enjoyed sessions on graphic modeling, build out for comprehensive plan, and student engagement, and he attended the inaugural APA Pennsylvania mixer.

b. Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

Ben Dinkel and Joey Dotta provided an update for the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission.

LVPC is continuing to work on the Functional Classification Update for roadways, as well as updates to the Transportation Safety Action Plan.

On Wednesday May 21st at 10:30 am, the LVTS Technical Committee will hold a public workshop to determine criteria for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside funding.

On Wednesday June 25th at 9am and Wednesday July 15th at 10:30am, the LVTS Technical Committee will hold a public workshop for Carbon Reduction regional funding allocations.

A NEVI survey will be released in the coming weeks, and an in-person workshop will be held on May 22nd at noon.

LVPC is working on the public engagement for the Housing Supply and Attainability Strategy, and they will be holding their final in-person event on June 24th.

LVPC will be hosting the third [WorkshopLV: Environment meeting](#) for the Regional Climate Action Plan on April 23rd at 8:30. Additional workshops are being hosted in Warren County and Carbon County.

LVPC will be soon starting the Lehigh County Livable Landscapes Plan update this year.

Progress on the Act 167 Plan Update is continuing, with more public engagement events happening later this spring.

c. State Planning Board / Office of Community Planning

Tina Roseberry shared an update from the State Planning Board.

The State Land Use Plan is being worked on to determine needs across the state.

They received 750 survey responses (46 counties and 698 municipalities). The average age of municipal comprehensive plans is 36 years old.

Kathy Wyrosdick was recently appointed at the new Executive Director of the Governor's Center for Local Government.

DCED is currently working on reviewing applications for the Municipal Assistance Program grant. They have \$1.8M to distribute and received \$2.8M in requests. Most requests were for Comprehensive Plan updates; other requests include housing plans, recreation plans, and redevelopment plans.

The State Housing Action Plan is due September 2025.

5. Pennsylvania Chapter Reports

a. Legislative Committee

Craig Beavers provided an update for the Legislative Committee.

There are no major updates from the Legislative Committee since the last meeting; work is continuing behind the scenes for discussing potential solutions for local government reform, updating MPC definitions in proposed legislation, and discussions on housing solutions.

b. Professional Development Committee

Samantha McLean provided an update for the Professional Development Committee.

The next Webinar Wednesday will be on May 7th on Vision Zero – Delaware County.

Samantha is looking for a presenter for the June Webinar Wednesday. If anyone has a presentation they'd like to share, please let her know.

6. Section Updates

a. 2026 Conference Committee – First Meeting Fall 2025

Craig Beavers provided an overview of this item.

Craig received information from Kim Gusic about the conference planning process, and she recommended we start meeting in fall of this year. If anyone is interested in participating in the conference planning committee, all are welcome.

b. Education Committee – Molly Wood

Molly Wood provided an update for the Education Committee.

There is not much to report yet; gearing towards fall semester for outreach events.

To find out more or get involved with our Education Committee, please reach out to Chair Molly Wood at mwood@lantabus-pa.gov.

c. Events Committee – Samantha McLean

Samantha McLean provided an update for the Events Committee.

There are several events that are being planned, including a Land Planning 101 event for the public and an Agricultural Panel.

Craig mentioned a social get-together for section members this summer, perhaps in conjunction with an existing community summer event that could also welcome families. Samantha said she would look into potential options.

To find out more or get involved with our Education Committee, please reach out to Chair Samantha McLean at samantha.mclean@mbakerintl.com

7. Open Floor and Updates

Craig Beavers shared information about Palmer Township's Active Transportation Plan.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on [Thursday, May 15th – Virtual](#)

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 PM.