

CENTRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING SUMMARY OF THE FEBRAURY 6, 2025 MEETING



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CRPC held its annual reorganization meeting on February 6, 2025, where Mr. Forziat was reelected as Chair and Mr. Sullivan as Vice Chair. 2025 CRPC welcomes Jeff Duerr as the new Harris Township Representative and thanks Mr. Chris Gamble for his past service.

The CRPC took action on the following items:

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP AMENDING CHAPTER 87 AND CHAPTER 200

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 6, 2025, the CRPC reviewed the proposed amendment to the College Township General Industrial District (I-1) Ordinance. Questions related to use types included in Indoor Recreation Facilities were answered by staff. Further discussion occurred regarding the scale of needed buildings for said uses and allowing additional users into industrial areas. Commissioners were in support of this particular use, but several members expressed caution upon further uses being allowed into industrial areas. Commissioners expressed an overall desire to be cognizant of maintaining areas where traditional industrial operations can still operate and be developed.

The CRPC offered their support (6-0) for moving the proposed ordinance amendment to the Township Council for their consideration.

REGIONAL WORK PLAN ITEMS 2025

Mr. Tylka presented the Regional Work Plan 2025 to the CRPC. The items included in the Work Plan are:

- Updating the Centre Region Comprehensive Plan
- Clarify and Streamline Planning Module Process
- Planning Commission Education
- Explore and Identify Funding Sources for Future Efforts, Projects and more

The Comprehensive Plan update will be the number one priority, that is currently underway. The CRPC approved the proposed 2025 Regional Work Plan items unanimously.

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CRPC held discussions and provided feedback on the following items:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

MUNICIPAL SURVEY RESULTS

The CRPC was presented results of the recently completed Comprehensive Plan survey, offering a focused overview of the key findings in each Municipality. The survey, a critical component of the planning process, provides valuable input to guide future development and policy decisions. These along with other resources and engagement results are available on the [Resource Hub](#).

CENTRE REGION TRENDS OVER TIME

Ms. Wargo presented the CRPC with a handful of survey trends over time. This is through a base of six questions that have been asked during Comprehensive Plan engagement in 1986, 2011 and 2024. The following are the main points of the questions asked:

- Protection of Local Historical Landmarks and Buildings.
- Future Growth and Development in the Centre Region.
- Development Restrictions
- Driving Forces of Development in Centre Region.

To view the results [Click Here](#).

SURVEY FURTHER RESULTS

Ms. Brown presented a further breakdown of the survey findings on a municipal level. This provides the Committee members an additional resource to guide development of the next phase, identifying goals and strategies. The main topics analyzed from outreach were:

- Funding & Satisfaction of Public Services
- Housing Preferences & Development
- Land Use Priorities
- Future Housing Options & Affordability
- Public Transportation & Improvements
- Environmental Priorities
- Economic Growth

For full findings [Click Here](#).

The CRPC is
scheduled to meet
next on March 6,
2025 at 7:00 p.m.

VALUES & VISIONS

The Committee was presented revised values and visions that will be incorporated into the Comp Plan. The values and visions were formed from feedback through survey results, outreach events, stakeholder meetings and actives with the elected and appointed officials. To veiw the Value and Vision statements and descriptors [Click Here](#).