

CENTRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2023 MEETING



2023 CRPC MEMBERS

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The CRPC conducted its reorganizational meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Election of Officers for 2023 –

Ray Forziat of College Township was elected Chair and Andrew Meehan of Halfmoon Township was elected Vice Chair.

Meeting Dates, Times, and

Location – The CRPC will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month during 2023, with the exception of the two joint

meetings* with the COG Land

Use and Community Infrastructure (LUCI) Committee. All meetings will be held in hybrid meeting format until further notice.

The CRPC also took action to appoint Josh Portney, State College Borough Planning Commission member, to the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) to represent the CRPC.

2023 CRPC Meeting Schedule

February 2	August 3
March 2	September 7
April 6*	October 5*
May 4	November 2
June 1	December 7
July 6	February 1, 2024

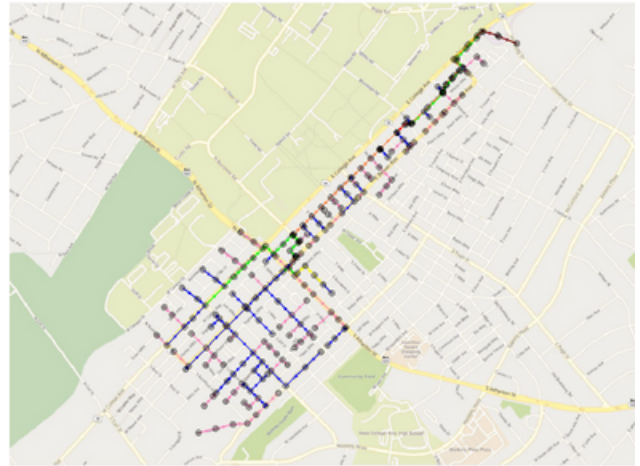
The CRPC took action on the following agenda items: **Resolution for PennDOT/CRPC Master Agreement and Periodic Work Order Agreements, Centre County** - The CRPC approved a resolution authorizing the CRPA Director or Principal Planner to execute a Master Agreement and periodic Work Order agreements with PennDOT, through which federal and state funding is provided to the CPRA for the completion of tasks on behalf of the CCMPO.

Amendments to the Wireless Communications Facilities

Ordinance - Ferguson Township - The CRPC supported the proposed amendments to Ferguson Township's Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance, which includes permitting tower-based facilities as a conditional use outside of the right-of-way within the Rural Agricultural; Agricultural Research; Rural Residential; General Commercial; Forest/Game Lands; Industrial; Light Industry, Research and Development; and Traditional Town Development districts. The amendments also further define standards for such facilities as a conditional use

Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Special Study for Calder Way - State College Borough- The CRPC received a presentation regarding an overview of the amended Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Special Study for the Calder Way and Atherton Street Sewer Main replacement. The CRPC recommended approval of the initial study at its meeting in December 2021.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) deemed the initial Special Study incomplete and denied approval because a hydraulic assessment completed by UAJA noted potential surcharging at the projected build-out flow conditions in UAJA’s Puddintown Road interceptor, which conveys the Borough’s flow from Calder Way. The amended Special Study recommends the same alternative as the previous Special Study. The only changes to the Special Study were to include three provisions that will allow the PA DEP to approve the Special Study. The provisions are:



- A phasing plan for installation of the sewer line in Atherton Street and Calder Way. This project is staged to be completed between 2023 and 2030.
- A statement that the Centre Region and the UAJA will undertake another Special Study commencing within six months of the approval of this Study to address potential future surcharging in the Puddintown Road Interceptor at build-out.
- A statement requiring that the UAJA will only approve future sewer planning modules for the Borough of State College in the Calder Way Sewer Basin upon confirmation by the UAJA that sufficient hydraulic capacity exists to convey such requests.

The CRPC provided no comments and supported the amendments to the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Special Study for Calder Way.

Population Forecasting and the Centre Region Comprehensive Plan - The CRPC received a presentation regarding the role of population forecasting and demographic trends in preparing a multi-municipal Comprehensive Plan. A key element of the Comprehensive Planning process is understanding the existing conditions of the community, including its demographics, as well as understanding how those factors are likely to change over the 20–30-year planning horizon. Growth and demographic trends are crucial to planning for land uses, housing, transportation facilities, and other community infrastructure. While the accuracy of the 2020 Census results have been questioned, with particular concern of an undercount of the student population, regional growth factors during the 2010s did not mimic those of previous decades. After some discussion, there was consensus from the CRPC for staff to create population scenarios based upon different growth factors, which would require additional research and discussion.

COG General Forum

Monday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m.

CCMPO Coordinating Committee

Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

LUCI Committee

Thursday, March 2 at 12:15 p.m.

CRPC

Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.