



MP3 COG Board
Wednesday, July 23, 2025
6:00 PM
Mt Penn Municipal Bldg

Members: –L. Olsen (County), L. Kelleher (Reading), K. Barnhardt (County), D. Pottiger (Lower Alsace Twp), M. Kindlick (Mt. Penn) – in person and A. Sellers (Lower Alsace Twp), J. Baez, Jr. (Reading)

Members absent: R. Maurer (Mt Penn), S. Dieroff (Alsace Twp), K. Bradley (Alsace Twp)

Others attending – L. Kissinger - virtually

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Barnhardt opened the floor for public comment. There were no members of the public present in the room or online and the public comment period was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA

Mr. Barnhardt asked the board to consider the minutes from the May meeting and the agenda for this meeting.

There was no objection to the contents of the meeting minutes or the agenda and they were approved by acclimation after a motion by Mr. Olsen and a second by Mr. Kindlick.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Olsen, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s Report - the MP3 bank account has a balance of \$55,962.68, after the expense of \$200 for dues to the DCED PACOG, which was authorized at the March meeting. He stated that the Berks County Community Fund has a balance of \$10, 144.86. He noted that this is an interest-bearing account.

The report was approved by acclimation after a motion by Ms. Kelleher and a second by Mr. Barnhardt.

PRESENTATION – none. However, Ms. Kelleher reported that a representative from ADG Mountainsides contacted her and Mr. Kissinger about a proposal to install a slide or rollercoaster on Mt Penn. She stated that the representative has not responded to an invitation to present at tonight’s meeting.

There was a brief discussion, noting that this type of attraction would be a destination-type attraction for Mt. Penn. The members expressed interest in learning more and Ms. Kelleher was asked to follow up with the representative to offer a 2nd request for a presentation.

MP3 COG REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Review Amendment to MP3 COG Agreement re membership

Mr. Barnhardt stated that the County Solicitor has reviewed and approved the draft which will be on an upcoming Commissioners agenda. He noted that this is the 2nd amendment to the agreement, which creates a wider berth for membership opportunities if the elected or appointed officials do not wish to participate.

Mr. Pottiger and Mr. Kindlick reported that Lower Alsace and Mt. Penn are also ready to move the agreement forward for adoption.

B. Lighting Skyline and Guardrail Project Update

Ms. Kelleher reported that the City has not submitted a grant application for the guiderail project and she has not obtained any follow-up on the lighting project.

In response to a question from Mr. Barnhardt, Ms. Kelleher stated that she is unsure if Central Berks has live access to the security camera feed. Mr. Kindlick and Mr. Pottiger stated that Central Berks provides police coverage to both municipalities, and they are unaware if this issue has been resolved. Ms. Kelleher was asked to follow up.

C. Frisbee Golf in partnership with Liederkrantz

Ms. Kelleher reported that the City's managing director asked her to move this project forward with the Executive Director of the Rec Commission, Ms. Klahr. She stated that they were connected with Amber Dempsey through Mr. Pottiger. Ms. Dempsey is experienced in designing disc golf courses.

Mr. Baez arrived at the meeting in-person at this time.

Mr. Pottiger explained that a friend who is a frisbee golf enthusiast referred him to Ms. Dempsey. He noted that Ms. Dempsey has won national titles in this sport and she owns a company – Disc Gold Entertainment, which organizes tournaments, lessons, and community events.

Ms. Kelleher stated that Ms. Dempsey and Mr. Linton from the Liederkrantz walked the Egelman's and Mineral Spring parks last Saturday and determined that the overall property is ideal for a course. She stated that they are looking at starting with an expandable 9 hole course on City owned property.

Ms. Kelleher explained that the Rec Commission installed the frisbee golf course at Angelica Park and Ms. Klahr expressed the belief that this Mt. Penn course can be installed for a May 2026 opening. She stated that when she, Ms. Klahr and Ms. Dempsey met, Ms. Klahr expressed the belief that the installation cost should be around \$25K. Ms. Kelleher noted that Mr. Linton and

Mr. Pettyjohn from Liederkrantz expressed interest in offsetting the costs through donations and sponsorships. She suggested arranging a meeting to start those discussions.

Those present agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS – submission in written form only

- Finance & Capital - none
- Promotions & Marketing - none
- Public Safety & Public Services - none
- Environmental & Land Use Committees – none

WRITTEN REPORTS FROM PRESERVE STAKEHOLDERS

None received.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

The next MP3 meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24th at 6 pm at the Alsace Twp municipal building.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:23 pm on motion of Mr. Baez and Mr. Kindlick.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher, Secretary

Action Items:

1. Ms. Kelleher to follow up with Alsace Twp regarding the amendment to the MP3 COG agreement.
2. Ms. Kelleher to follow up with ADG Mountainsides.
3. Mr. Pottiger to follow-up with Chief Serafin regarding the access to live video feed.
4. Ms. Kelleher to follow up with the City regarding the lighting project for Skyline and access to the live security feed to Central Berks.
5. Ms. Kelleher to contact Mr. Linton and Mr. Pettyjohn re funding for the frisbee golf course.