

## RECORD OF MEETING

Subject:	<b>Pike County Marcellus Shale Task Force</b>
Date:	<b>July 20, 2011 Wednesday</b>
Time:	1:00 pm to 3:00pm
Location:	Commissioners Meeting Room, County Administration Bldg, 506 Broad Street, Milford
Attendees:	See sign-in sheet
Next Meeting:	<b>Wednesday, October 19, 2011 (1:00 pm)</b> Commissioners Meeting Room, Milford

**Welcome – Commissioners Richard Caridi, Karl A. Wagner, Jr., and Kathleen Hummel**

The Commissioners welcomed Task Force members and others in attendance. They expressed their appreciation for the Committee participation to date and the interest of the public on the issue. Commissioner Caridi apologized for the problem with the air conditioning in the meeting room and the building.

**Commissioners Report** – Commissioner Caridi asked Sally Corrigan to report. Sally Corrigan, Pike Planning office, introduced the new Community & Natural Resource Planner Nicholas Dickerson who will be working with various Marcellus Task Force Committees.

**Presentation by Superintendent Sean McGuinness, Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Corridor, US Department of Interior (USDI) National Park Service (NPS)** – Commissioner Caridi introduced Supt. McGuinness. The Superintendent provided a brief history on his background and how it relates to the present position he holds with the NPS in the Upper Delaware. The Upper Delaware NPS unit is a unique entity in that the majority of the lands identified as being within the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Corridor legislated boundary are privately held lands. Although the corridor is just over 55,000 acres, the NPS, by Congressional act, can only own a total of 128 acres of land within the corridor for administrative or recreational purposes; currently they own just over 30 acres – eleven of which are in Pike County. Because of this, the NPS and Supt. McGuinness have tried to expand partnerships and work with local communities to implement the River Management Plan. They also work with other agencies and organizations such as the Upper Delaware Council and the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC).

In regard to the potential for Marcellus Shale drilling within the River Corridor, the Superintendent stated that they would be concerned with any drilling proposed within the corridor and outside the corridor which may have impacts to the River water quality and scenic values. The River Management Plan states that no heavy industrial uses should be allowed within the corridor. The UPDE NPS staff meet regularly with other federal agencies and the DRBC to discuss issues and concerns.

**Committee Reports:** Committee reports were provided by each of the following Committee representatives.

- a. Education and Outreach – Committee Chairman Peter Wulfhorst
- b. Planning / Government - Committee Chairman Michael Zibrin, Blooming Grove Twp. rep
- c. Environment – Committee member Susan Beecher provided the report
- d. Economic Development/Tourism - Committee Chairman Ron Schmalzle
- e. Roads/ Transportation/ Infrastructure - Jon Castimore, Pike Road Task Force representative and Sally Corrigan, Pike Planning provided the report.
- f. Public Safety – Roger Maltby, Pike County EMA and LEPC rep

Written Committee Reports were provided by the Planning and Government Committee; Environment Committee and Economic Development/Tourism Committee. The reports are included as part of the meeting record.

**Education and Outreach Committee** - Chairman Peter Wulforth reported that the Committee has only two members currently. They will do what they can to get educational information and program announcements out to the public and the Task Force. Wayne County Gas Task Force will be holding a program on the **Economic aspects of Marcellus on August 24 from 7:00 to 9:00pm**. The program will be held at the Park Street Complex across the road and up the street from the Wayne Memorial hospital. The Conservation District and Penn State Extension offices are located in the Park Street Complex. The Pike Marcellus TF Education Committee has scheduled an informational session entitled **Marcellus and Private Water Wells for Monday, Sept 19**. It will be held at the PPL Center near Lake Wallenpaupack. More information will be announced shortly.

**Planning / Government Committee** - Chairman Michael Zibrin reported on the work of the Planning and Government Committee. The Committee has focused on the review of several proposed legislative bills which call for a state "impact fee" on Marcellus drilling production and a "model ordinance" drafted by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) for municipalities across the state that would standardize zoning. After review of the proposed bills and discussion with municipal governing boards, the Planning / Government Committee drafted a **Statement on State NG Impact Fee Legislation proposals**. This statement was presented in writing as their Committee report.

**Environment Committee** - Member Susan Beecher provided a short synopsis of the Committee's written report. Discussion by the Committee has been focused on identification of priority action items. Someone in attendance mentioned a study completed by Duke University which links methane contamination in water supplies to Marcellus production.

**Economic Development/Tourism Committee** - Chairman Ron Schmalzle provided a written report and gave a brief overview of their Committee discussions. The Committee identified a number of action items; the most critical is development of a PR piece that can be used by local businesses, the county and chambers of commerce to effectively communicate a positive image of Pike County to the mid-Atlantic region to protect tourism opportunities. Ron stated that the outside message relating to Pike County and Marcellus is not good and the farther away from the county the worse the message is. The brochure needs to be a quality piece that highlights Pike County's image of high quality natural resources and dispels some of the inaccuracies related to Marcellus which might be impacting tourism. The Committee also plans on scheduling a tour for members in September to visit northcentral PA.

**Roads/ Transportation/ Infrastructure** - Jon Castimore, Pike Road Task Force representative asked Sally Corrigan, Pike Planning to provide the update from the Committee. Sally mentioned that the Subcommittee is working with the Pike Road Task Force to assemble a database of municipal roads on GIS. The database will try to highlight road conditions, speed limits, weigh limits, dangerous intersections and curves, road names among other items. The municipal road masters are marking up maps and the planning office will be working with the county GIS office to enter the data. Additionally, information and draft examples of road maintenance agreements have been assembled. This information will be used to model a Pike County Road Maintenance Agreement for municipal officials. This work is on-going. Someone asked if Pike County municipalities are accessing brine solution from the drilling process for application to roads in Pike during winter conditions. Jon Castimore reported that none of Pike County's municipalities used this in the winter of 2010-11. He will bring it up again at the next County Road Task Force meeting since Road Masters are now making purchases for the

upcoming winter season.

**Public Safety Committee** - Roger Maltby, County EMA Director provided a brief report. The PA Fire Academy presented a local training for Pike County EMS and fire personnel on Saturday, May 14 at Shohola Fire Company. The training included a 4-hour course on wellsite emergency fire response.

**Current Issues Update – Governor Tom Corbett’s Marcellus Advisory Commission** met on July 15, 2011 to vote on recommendations drafted during their Commission meetings held March through July 2011. The recommendations will be included as part of the Commission’s report to the Governor which is projected to be released on July 22, 2011. Watch for this report.

**Delaware Basin Commission (DRBC) Draft Natural Gas Development Regulations** - The public review period on the draft regulations closed on April 15. The DRBC has not yet announced when the draft regulations may be considered for adoption by the Commission. For more information go to:

[www.state.nj.us/drbc/naturalgas-draftregs.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/drbc/naturalgas-draftregs.pdf)

**Next Meeting** – The meeting was scheduled for October 26 but has been changed to **Wednesday, October 19, 2011 (1:00 pm)** Commissioners Mtg Room, 506 Broad Street, Milford.

**Adjournment at 3:00pm**