Call to Order: Chairman Lenker called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Members Present: Gary Lenker, Chairman; Roy Newsome, Vice Chairman; Roy Christ and Terry Haines
A motion was made to accept the Slate as listed for 2017 chair, Mr. Lenker being chairman, and Mr. Newsome as Vice Chairman.

Motion: Mr. Haines
Second: Mr. Christ
Motion passed 4 – 0

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Wesoloskie, Deputy Director and Deb Laudenslager, Administrative Assistant

Public Participation: Steve Deck; Tri-County Planning Commission

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented of the December 15, 2016 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Haines
Second: Mr. Christ
Motion passed 4 – 0
**Review of Financials**

The end of the year financials were reviewed. There was an 18% increase in closings from 2015, up to 105. That equals 79 closings outside of the county, and 26 within city limits.

A motion was made to approve the financials as presented.

**Motion:** Mr. Christ  
**Second:** Mr. Haines

*Motion passed 4 – 0*

Mr. Haines explained to the Board the benefits of the First Time Homebuyers Program. Mr. Haines stated that because the loan is put in escrow, there is no interest to be paid, and no monthly payments that the home owner needs to make. The home owner only needs to pay the loan back once the house is sold. The money that is paid back is then placed back into funding for the next home buyer to utilize. At this time, 6 closings were completed for the First Time Homebuyers Program.

**New Business:**

**Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan**

The process started spring of 2016 when Tri-County sponsored an online survey of residents across the county of approximately 50 questions. Over 600 people responded to the survey, and many of the respondents requested email updates. There were fewer responses from the Northern part of the county. The survey identified 3 areas that the community felt should be primary point of focus. The first, community enhancement; this would make boroughs and townships of Dauphin County even better places to live. Protecting the environment was also a topic, and the community felt overall water quality and storm water management were two important topics. Lastly, economic development initiatives and public transportation and other infrastructure. Mr. Deck also explained to the Board that another idea that came from this process is the Implementation Partner Resource Guide. Many of these plans are not current with the needs of the municipalities, and the goal of this planning effort is to make it cheaper and more efficient for the municipalities to do their own planning. This plan is going to be a composite of spreadsheet data, such as geographic and affordable housing information that will be available to assist the municipalities, and to operate similarly. The Board asked Mr. Deck if users will be able to identify affordable housing efforts by utilizing the data. Mr. Deck stated that efforts will be able to be identified. He would also like to see a committee of people from multiple entities to have an action plan regarding affordable housing. As far as growing within the environment is concerned, the biggest topic of conversation has been storm water management and water quality. In summary, this comprehensive plan is not meant to be a document like others like it, all ideas will be summarized and available on a website. Included in the website is a user-friendly guide that the public can utilize to see what projects are in the works, and the progress of those projects. The website is password protected so the steering committee can view and finalize the website, and if this plan is adopted by the commissioners the password can be taken off and the public can finally have access. The goal is to have the website available to the public by Memorial Day.
Long-Range Transportation Plan
Transit was also a topic of conversation. The main goal of the Long-Range Transportation Plan is to make transportation more convenient for commuters and also inner-city residents. Identifying transportation needs can help for the MPOs to update roadways around the city, including major highways, and also public transportation.

Old Business: Center of Independent Living
A resolution is going to the Commissioners in 2 weeks to be reviewed.

Sunflower Fields:
No submission has been made to receive monies. Mr. Haines has not heard back regarding this project.

Dauphin County Rental Assistance Program:
A resolution was sent out to show the program was renewed in 2015. The program will be back up for renewal in Spring of 2018.

Board Comments: None.

Adjournment:
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Motion: Mr. Newsome
Second: Mr. Haines

Motion passed: 4 – 0

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017