

Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute (PMPEI)

2021 ONLINE Schedule

PMPEI ONLINE LEARNING: (each class is 1.5 hours with several dates to choose from)

Building a Strong Planning Commission \$25 (6:30-8pm)

Wednesday - June 23

Wednesday - August 11

A strong and well-organized planning commission is the key to a successful planning program. While MPC Article II provides the authority to have a planning commission it offers no guidance for how to be an effective unit serving the elected governing body and the community. Using hands-on activities and interactive discussions this course explores the full range of a planning commission's work, how it can be organized to accomplish more of its goals, and what is needed to prepare members to get involved in the group's work.

The Limits to Zoning \$25 (6:30-8pm)

Wednesday - June 30

Tuesday - August 17

Zoning is a powerful tool of local government used in over 2000 Pennsylvania municipalities, but its power is not unlimited. Community expectations for zoning are high but ordinance drafters and administrators must know what the limitations are and the effect they have on a municipality's zoning program. This course will explore these limitations such as those in the MPC itself, the Police Power, non-conforming use property rights, and state and federal laws impacting local zoning. This is not a zoning case law update, but it is an interactive discussion of common zoning issues with an opportunity to look at them in the context of the course.

Managing the Subdivision Review Process \$25 (6:30-8pm)

Wednesday - July 21

Tuesday - August 24

Subdivision and Land Development ordinances are the most common land use regulation in the commonwealth. For many local planning commissions reviewing development applications takes up most of their meeting time. This course looks at the important work of a commission in managing the review process. The review process is tightly structured by the Municipalities Planning Code and many procedures can easily be misunderstood and create problems for municipal planners and officials. This course examines the complex review process and points out problem areas and how to avoid them. It describes how planning commissions, with project applicants, are engaged in a collaborative process to build the future community. Included in the course are hands-on discussions of problem situations.

The Zoning Officer & Zoning Hearing Board \$25 (6:30-8pm)

Thursday - June 17

Wednesday - July 28

The MPC states that every municipality that enacts a zoning ordinance shall create a zoning hearing board and it must have an official who handles the day-to-day work of administering the ordinance. This online class will review the job each is responsible for, along with the basic terms used in zoning, special exceptions, variances, nonconformities, notice of violation of the ordinance, plus the basic of the zoning hearing process.

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These online classes will satisfy 2.5 CBO classroom credit hours per class for the PMPEI classroom training requirement. A total of 10 hours is required to complete the CBO program.