

DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

October 5, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Dauphin County Planning Commission was held Monday, October 5, 2009 in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Dauphin County Veteran’s Memorial Office Building, Harrisburg, PA. Chairman Dan Tunnell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were: Mr. Edward Carney, Mr. Paul Clark, Mr. Tom Clark, Mr. John Kerschner, Mr. Gary Lenker, Mr. Skip Memmi, Mr. Keith Oellig, Mr. Tom Shaffer and Mr. Dan Tunnell. Also present were Mr. Reardon and Ms. Park of the staff.

MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, the Commission approved the minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting as written.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

- 1. Payment of Expenses

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the Commission approved transfer of funds for the following expenses:

To TCRPC for September Subdivision & Sewage Module Fees
Transfer..... \$1,797.50

REPORTS

- 1. Treasurer’s Report

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the Treasurer’s Report in the form of a Financial Statement for the month ending September 30, 2009 was accepted for filing and audit. A copy of the Treasurer’s Report is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

- 2. Committees

Ms. Park noted a kickoff meeting for the update of the Dauphin County Subdivision and Land Development occurred. Representatives from the municipalities, engineers, surveyors and homebuilders participated. There are many changes to incorporate into the updated ordinance and the committee will continue to meet to discuss those changes. HRG, the county engineers are under contract to prepare the general regulations and design standards.

Mr. Carney noted his attendance at a Capital Region Water Board meeting where the state water plan was distributed. Staff has already received this information through CCAP.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Progress: Regional Transportation Planning Project, 2009-2010.

- Mr. Reardon noted an upcoming HATS Technical Committee meeting this Friday (10/9/09) at which several TIP proposals are on the agenda.
 - PA 743/US 422 Square improvements for TIP modification
 - US 11/15 Rock Slope project for consideration of placement on the TIP
 - Gettysburg Road realignment project has requested a letter of support and placement on the Regional Transportation plan (RTP)
- The Regional Transportation Plan is being updated to meet federal deadlines. The task force had its initial meeting to determine what works and doesn't work with the current process. The overriding theme of the task force direction is to respect the local process.
- Project development workshops are being held in each Planned Development Section to focus on problem identification (not to be confused with solutions)
- The CAT Transit Service Study will be presented to the CAT board for its consideration and comments at its October meeting. Presentation to HATS will occur at the December meeting.
- The staff has reviewed the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) certification letter and has offered its comments. A final certification letter will be issued shortly.

B. Local Planning Assistance Report.

The Local Planning Assistance report for the month of September was distributed to those members present. A copy of the report is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Subdivision/Land Development Matters

1. Review/Comment

On a motion by Mr. Shaffer, seconded by Mr. Carney, a motion was passed to ratify staff reviews of the eight plan applications listed and attached to the

file copy of these minutes. It should be noted; Mr. Shaffer abstained from plan #09-119.

B. Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Amendment

West Hanover Township – Site Design Standards

On a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Memmi, the Commission recommended disapproval of the proposed ordinance with consideration given to staff comments. Additional direction to the township as to minor revisions was given.

C. Swatara Township Act 537 Plan

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the Commission recommended approval of staff comments indicating municipal plan consistency with the county plans.

D. York County Comprehensive Plan – Housing and Community Development Plan

On a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Oellig, the Commission recommended approval of staff comments indicating consistency with the Dauphin County plans.

E. Sewage Module Reviews

On a motion by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, the Commission ratified the staff review of Sewage Module # 2009-21.

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the Commission indicated their agreement to waive its review of the Porter-Tower Joint Municipal Authority (Schuylkill County) application for study of a possible expansion. The commission did indicate its desire to review any facility expansion which would either occur in or impact Dauphin County.

E. FEMA Flood Map Project – Dauphin County

Ms. Park explained to the Commission the FEMA Flood Map project and its process in Dauphin County. PEMA, the state implementing agency, has asked the planning staff and Dauphin County Conservation District (DCCD) for assistance in reviewing the mandates changes to the flood maps.

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the Commission agreed to enter into a contract with PEMA to prepare reviews of the affected municipal ordinances involved in the process.

F. Other Business

Mr. Lenker requested to revisit a staff comment on the Wayne Township subdivision plan #09-117 – Pheasant Hill – Phase 2. Comment #9 indicated “Plan does not compare to the Preliminary Plan from 2006”. He asked for an explanation of the comment. Mr. Reardon indicated, without speaking with Mr. Hubley of staff, he could only offer his interpretation that the current plan was not generally consistent with the previously submitted plan. In which manner of inconsistency, he did not know. He would check with Mr. Hubley and send a staff letter to the Township with further clarification.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Carney, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2009** in the Dauphin County Veteran’s Memorial Office Building’s Second Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul D. Clark

Secretary