

**DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**November 2, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Dauphin County Planning Commission was held Monday, November 2, 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. Skip Memmi, Mr. Tom Shaffer and Mr. Dan Tunnell. Also present were Messrs. Szymborski and Reardon and Mses. Park and Rowand of the staff. Messrs. Mark Stewart, Marty Dwyer, Mark Allen, and Will Selman were present as guests.

MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Carney, the Commission approved the minutes of the October 5, 2009 meeting as written.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

1. Communications

- Public Meeting/Hearing Notice for DEP – State Water Plan/Critical Water Planning Areas
- Public Meeting Notice for DEP – Edie’s Transfer Station, Highspire Borough

2. Payment of Expenses

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

To TCRPC for October Subdivision & Sewage Module Fees  
 Transfer..... \$1,703.00

REPORTS

1. Treasurer’s Report

On a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Carney, the Treasurer’s Report in the form of a Financial Statement for the month ending October 31, 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 reported information has been distributed to the Dauphin County Subdivision and Land Development task force for its review and comment. The next meeting will be held in January 2010. Notices will be sent.

3. Staff

Mr. Szymborski introduced Ms. Leah Rowand as the newest staff member. Leah's responsibilities will be staff support for the RGMP, environmental issues and plan review assistance in Perry County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- Mr. Szymborski noted the completion of the HPMS traffic counts for the year. All data collected has been entered into the PennDOT database. The Physical Condition Inventory (PCI) element of the HPMS program has been expanded to include additional data collection. This effort continues.
- The HATS Coordinating Committee voted to add additional funding from its reserve to the PA 743/US 422 Square improvements. The cost increase was due to mitigation of issues found during project development.
- The CAT Transit Service Study was presented to the CAT board for its consideration and comments at its October meeting. Presentation to the HATS committees will occur at the December meeting. The draft plan is currently on the Commission's website for review and comment.

B. Local Planning Assistance Report.

The Local Planning Assistance report for the month of October 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. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Paul Clark, 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. Memmi abstained from plan #09-127.

B. Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Londonderry Township – TND Provisions

A presentation was made to the commission regarding the proposed TND plan in Londonderry. At issue was the request for a higher density due to additional land having to be removed for the net acreage requirement. In addition, a small (.24 acre) was requested to be rezoned from residential to TND. The developer currently owns this property.

A motion was made by Mr. Carney to turn the proposal over to the Township Supervisors for a decision on the request. The motion failed for lack of a second.

*It should be noted – Mr. Carney left the meeting at 5:23.*

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Paul Clark, the Commission recommended support of the proposed request, including the rezoning, with the understanding that the justification for final density standards would be presented by the applicant to the township supervisors and found acceptable.

C. Street Vacation – Muench Street between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Streets

On a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, the Commission recommended disapproval of the request due to significant use by the public and the ability to use an alternative design to accomplish the proposed development.

D. Sewage Module Review – Swatara Marketplace

On a motion by Mr. Shaffer, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the Commission ratified the staff review of Sewage Module # 2009-22 by a vote of 5-0. One member was out of the room during the vote.

E. Land Use Assumption Report – East Hanover, Lebanon County

Ms. Park reported on her review regarding an adjoining municipal comprehensive plan component. On a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the Commission supported staff comments for distribution.

F. 2010 LPA Agreement – Middle Paxton Township

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the Commission approved entering into this contract with appreciation to the Dauphin County Commissioners for their continued support of the program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Paul Clark, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2009** in the Dauphin County Veteran's Memorial Office Building's Second Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Paul D. Clark*  
Secretary