

DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

December 7, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Dauphin County Planning Commission was held Monday, December 7, 2009 in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Dauphin County Veteran's Memorial Office Building, Harrisburg, PA. Vice-Chairman Tom Clark 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. Keith Oellig and Mr. Tom Shaffer. Also present were Messrs. Szymborski, Reardon and Finnerty and Ms. Park of the staff.

MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Carney, the Commission approved the minutes of the November 2, 2009 meeting as written.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

1. Communications
2. Payment of Expenses

Payment of expenses will be deferred and included as part of the January meeting agenda.

REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report will be deferred and included as part of the January meeting agenda.

2. Committees

Ms. Park reported the Dauphin County Subdivision and Land Development task force is reviewing the existing county S&LD ordinance. Its comments will be sent to HRG, Inc. for consideration in drafting the new sections. The next meeting will be held in January 2010. Notices will be sent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

- Mr. Szymborski noted a major effort of the HATS Committees is the coordination of the study of the expansion of the Norfolk Southern Harrisburg Intermodal Yard (Lucknow Yard). The consultant has expanded the study to include issues received from staff. Through a bond issue, the State has committed to a contribution for the railroad's Crescent Corridor project; however, the amount has been reduced. HATS Chairman, Representative Mark Keller has been trying to make the upgrade of the local road network by NS, part of the bond issue to receive the State money.
- The 2011 draft TIP has been forwarded by PennDOT. It includes no new projects. In addition, staff is working to determine the rationale behind the removal of the Southern Gateway project and the Lykens Valley Rail-Trail enhancement project.

B. Local Planning Assistance Report.

The Local Planning Assistance report for the month of November 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. Approval/Disapproval

Mary Lou Strohecker – Jefferson Township

On a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the commission approved the plan contingent upon settlement of any municipal comments and the DEP sewage module.

2. Review/Comment

On a motion by Mr. Shaffer, seconded by Mr. Paul Clark, the commission ratified 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 #09-135.

B. Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Susquehanna Township – Text Amendment – Sign Provisions

On a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Oellig, the Commission recommended approval of the proposed request, giving consideration to staff comments.

Londonderry Township – Text Amendment – Family Farm Support Business

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the Commission recommended approval of Alternative 2 of the proposed request, giving consideration to staff comments.

C. Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance – Lower Paxton Township

On a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Carney, the Commission recommended approval of the proposed ordinance giving consideration to staff comments.

D. Sewage Module Reviews

On a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Carney, the Commission ratified the staff reviews of Sewage Modules #2009-24 thru #2009-27.

E. 2010 LPA Agreements

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the Commission approved entering into contracts with:

Conewago Township
Highspire Borough
Jefferson Township
Lower Swatara Township
Susquehanna Township
West Hanover Township
Royaltown Borough (on-call)

Derry Township
Jackson Township
Lower Paxton Township
South Hanover Township
Upper Paxton Township
Wiconisco Township
Williams Township (on-call)

The commission expressed it's appreciation to the Dauphin County Commissioners for their continued support of the program.

F. There was consensus by the commission for the proposed 2010 meeting dates with changes for the January and July meetings. A copy of the schedule is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2010** in the Dauphin County Veteran's Memorial Office Building's Second Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul D. Clark
Secretary