

DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

September 5, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Dauphin County Planning Commission was held Tuesday, September 5, 2006 in the Commission's Second Floor Conference Room in the Dauphin County Veteran's 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. Carney, Mr. Tom Clark, Mr. Kerschner, Mr. Oellig, Mr. Sedesse, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Tunnell. Also present were Messrs. Szymborski and Reardon, and Ms. Myers-Krug of the staff. Susan Smith and Sherri Pursel were in attendance as guests.

MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Mr. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the Commission approved the minutes of the August 7, 2006 meeting after an explanation of corrections to the July LPA report.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

1. Communications
2. Payment of Expenses

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

To TCRPC for August Subdivision Fees:
Transfer..... \$2,092.00

REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Carney, the Treasurer's Report in the form of a Financial Statement for the period of January 1, 2006 through August 30, 2006 was accepted for filing and audit. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Regional Transportation Planning Project, 2006-07

Mr. Szymborski reported the CorridorOne Preliminary Engineering is close to completion. Several changes were required based on previous reviews by FTA. An EIS will be required for the project, the financial plan needed modification due to

changes in the proposed service, and the Project Management Plan needed to be amended. MTP is currently awaiting the final PE review from FTA.

The Eight-County Regional Goods movement Study was endorsed by the HATS Coordinating Committee at its last meeting. Endorsement by the other entities is pending, while the steering committee begins to define the future activities of the group.

The Commission and DCCD are partnering on a Conservation By Design workshop.

TCRPC is partnering with the PCPC on a workshop aimed at Zoning Administration.

A task force for the Model Ordinance project has been identified and notices will be going out for the kickoff meeting of that workgroup.

The outreach program for the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan is beginning with Bill Hawk acting as a facilitator of the municipal meetings.

TCRPC continues to coordinate the eight-county Regional Action Plan with partnership from several state agencies.

The current level of obligation from the federal earmarks granted under SAFETEA-LU is now at 87 percent after changes by the Legislature. This will require additional funds to be added to those earmarked projects before they can be placed on the HATS TIP for implementation.

B. Local Planning Assistance Report.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Subdivision/Land Development Matters

1. Review /Comment

On a motion by Mr. Tunnell, seconded by Mr. Sedesse, a motion was passed to ratify the reviews of the 21 plan applications listed and attached to the file copy of these minutes. It should be noted Mr. Tom Clark, abstained from plans #186, 187, 188 & 192.

B. Zoning Amendment Reviews

1. Derry Township – Text Amendment – Revise Village Core District setback, parking, off-street loading standards

On a motion by Mr. Tunnell, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the Commission acted to recommend approval revisions with consideration given to staff comments.

2. Dauphin Borough - Text Amendment – Revise lot areas and lot widths in the R-2 Residential District

On a motion by Mr. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the Commission acted to recommend approval of the proposed text change.

3. Lower Swatara Township – Text Amendment – Permit Residential Retirement Facilities in the Commercial Neighborhood District

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Tunnell, with Mr. Kerschner voting no and Mr. Tom Clark abstaining, the Commission acted to recommend the local planning commission consider the impact of 55 plus housing and keep working on the details to enforce such an ordinance.

Note: Mr. Carney left the meeting at this point to attend another meeting (5:01 pm)

4. Paxtang Borough – Text Amendment – Revised Sign Standards

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Sedesse, the Commission recommended approval of this proposal giving consideration to staff comments.

C. Sewage Module Reviews

On a motion by Mr. Tunnell, seconded by Mr. Sedesse, the Commission ratified staff comments to DEP for sewage modules #2006-36 through #2006-38.

D. Wiconisco Creek Watershed Ordinance – Upper Paxton Township

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

E. Act 537 Sewage Facilities Special Study – Lower Paxton Township

On a motion by Mr. Shaffer, seconded by Mr. Oellig, the Commission recommended approval of the special study.

F. Wiconisco Township Comprehensive Plan update

On a motion by Mr. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the Commission recommended approval of the Plan giving consideration to staff comments.

G. Washington Township Comprehensive Plan update

On a motion by Mr. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Oellig, the Commission recommended approval of the ordinance giving consideration to staff comments. Mr. Sedesse asked if the above two comprehensive plans were to be performed as a joint comprehensive plan? Mr. Szymborski responded the plans take into consideration the issues between both municipalities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2006** in the Commission's Second Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Sedesse

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Secretary