

DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

December 4, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Dauphin County Planning Commission was held Monday, December 4, 2006 in the Commission's Second Floor Conference Room in the Dauphin County Veteran's Office Building, Harrisburg, PA. Chairman Paul Clark called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were: Chairman Paul Clark, Mr. Carney, Mr. Tom Clark, Mr. Kerschner, Mr. Memmi, Mr. Oellig, Mr. Sedesse, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Tunnell (4:16). Also present were Messrs. Szymborski, Reardon and Jones of the staff. Patrick Miller a student at Penn State University – Harrisburg and Mr. Dave Butcher, Harrisburg City were in attendance as guests.

MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Mr. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Oellig, the Commission approved the minutes of the November 6, 2006 meeting with the following corrections:

- ♦ *Change in opening paragraph – Tuesday to Monday, November 6, 2006.....*
- ♦ *Addition to New Business; Section A.2 - It should be noted Mr. Shaffer abstained from action on plan #06-232.*

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

1. Communications

- ♦ Halifax Township – a letter to Mr. Reardon requesting his attendance at a meeting on January, 22, 2007 at 7:00 PM to discuss a possible Regional Comprehensive Plan in lower Upper Dauphin County.
- ♦ Bill Hawk – a letter identifying meetings held to garner support for the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan.
- ♦ Dauphin County – a copy to DCPC regarding the final conservation easement along the Greenbelt in Swatara Twp. between Dauphin County Commissioners and the Central PA Conservancy.

2. Payment of Expenses

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

1. To TCRPC for November Subdivision Fees:
Transfer..... \$1,277.00
2. Reimbursement for S&LD fee overpayment.....\$104.00

REPORTS

1. Chairman Report

Mr. Paul Clark thanked Mr. Tom Clark for chairing last month's meeting in his absence.

2. Treasurer's Report

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

3. Staff

It was noted Mr. Tom Clark and Mr. Tunnell's terms expire at the end of the year. They should be in contact with the Commissioners to indicate their willingness to continue service on the Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Regional Transportation Planning Project, 2006-07

Mr. Szymborski reported the recent HATS Technical Committee meeting focused on the approval of the RTP and associated public comment on the plan including the Air Quality Conformity analysis required to accompany the plan. PennDOT's consultants did a very commendable job in responding to the AQ public comment. The majority of public comment originated with the Clean Air Board, a faith-based group in Cumberland County. Their mission is more directed at air quality monitoring and has marginal relation to the AQ modeling done for the Plan. They were invited to future meetings to discuss issues with specific areas of concern.

There were several TIP amendments approved to maximize the use of the region's money.

The Burd Street Bridge continues to be discussed. Royalton Borough's engineer has been given several options to assist in beginning construction of this long-awaited project.

Chip Millard, staff member, gave the Committee an update on the Transportation Enhancement program, including the status of the Dauphin County projects recently selected for funding. All local projects are currently advancing.

The final report of the Transportation Funding and Reform Commission is now available. The Commission's recommendations seem focused on highway side and suggest an increase in the oil franchise tax as a method to pay for highway and bridge improvements. Transit funding should be shared more heavily with non-federal/state entities as a way to increase funding.

The eight-county Regional Goods Movement Study is wrapping up with a press conference on December 11, at the Dauphin County Administration Building.

B. Local Planning Assistance Report.

The Local Planning Assistance report for the month of November 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. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, a motion was passed to ratify the reviews of the 13 plan applications listed and attached to the file copy of these minutes. It should be noted Mr. Memmi abstained from action on plan #06-257, while Mr. Clark abstained from plan #06-252 and Mr. Shaffer from plan #06-248.

B. Zoning Amendment Reviews

1. Harrisburg City – Text Amendment – Hotels in the SPD District

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the Commission voted 8-0 to recommend approval contingent upon staff comments being addressed. Mr. Memmi, who had left the room, concurred with the decision upon his return to the meeting.

2. Conewago Township - Map Amendment – Rezone parcels #22-006-146 and 22-019-01-17 along Old Hershey Road from Residential-Suburban to Residential Multi-Family

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the Commission voted 8-1-0, with Mr. Memmi voting no, to recommend disapproval of the proposed revisions.

C. Sewage Module Reviews

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, the Commission ratified staff comments to DEP for sewage modules #2006-51 through #2006-54.

D. Annual Report – Revised Content/Annual Development Activity Report

By a consensus, the Commission agreed to remove the Building Permit Survey information from its Annual Report and create a separate standalone report of development activity. This information may be web-based in response to the Commissioner's Economic Development Summit held earlier this year.

E. York County Comprehensive Plan Amendments

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, the Commission recommended adoption of the Plan contingent upon the 21 housekeeping items identified by staff.

F. 2007 Meeting Dates

A copy of the 2007 meeting dates was distributed to those members present and is included as part of the file copy of these minutes.

G. Chesapeake Bay Strategy – Joint Meeting Proposal from Lower Dauphin Area Regional Planning Group.

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Sedesse, the Commission agreed to pursue the discussion of a joint workshop on this issue, with a co-sponsor opportunity given to the Commissioners. A tentative date of March 29, 2007 has been suggested by LDARPG.

H. Local Planning Assistance Agreements - 2007

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the Commission recommended entering into an agreement to provide 2007 LPA services to the following municipalities:

Conewago Township	Halifax Township	Highspire Borough
Hummelstown Borough	Lower Paxton Township	Middle Paxton Township
Millersburg Borough	Penbrook Borough	Steelton Borough
Susquehanna Township	Swatara Township	Upper Paxton Township
West Hanover Township	Wiconisco Township	

This brings the municipal participation for 2007 for the YTD to 16/40 (40%). It is expected other municipalities will enroll as the municipal governing bodies meet.

I. Intergovernmental Review – Royalton Borough Wastewater Collection System

On a motion by Mr. Tunnell, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, the Commission supported the Borough's grant request to USDA to replace and repair much of its municipal wastewater collection system.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Memmi, seconded by Mr. Paul Clark, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2006** in the Commission's Second Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Sedesse

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Secretary