

DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

April 2, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Dauphin County Planning Commission was held Monday, April 2, 2007 in the Commission's Second Floor Conference Room in the Dauphin County Veteran's Office Building, Harrisburg, PA. Mr. Shaffer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were: Mr. Carney, Mr. Clark, Mr. Kerschner, Mr. Memmi, Mr. Oellig, Mr. Sedesse, and Mr. Shaffer. Also present were Messrs. Szyborski and Reardon and Ms. Park of the staff.

MINUTES APPROVAL

- ♦ On a motion by Mr. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Clark, the Commission approved the minutes of the March 5, 2007 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

1. Communications

Mr. Szyborski noted a letter has been received from Mayor Stephen Reed, City of Harrisburg thanking the Commission for its letter of support for the Federal Courthouse location selection process and indicating several issues for consideration by the General Services Administration in making its selection.

2. Payment of Expenses

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

- 1. To TCRPC for March Subdivision Fees:
 Transfer..... \$2,382.68

REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Oellig, the Treasurer's Report in the form of a Financial Statement for the period of January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007 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 a subcommittee of HATS members is being developed to examine the project selection process and work towards making the NEPA requirements more efficient within the RTP planning and programming process.

The UPWP has been approved with the inclusion of the Local Training Assistance Program (LTAP) being made part of the FY 2008 staff agenda. This program will provide training to municipalities and their staff based on the responses received from staff efforts of surveying and identifying those needs.

The Regional Action Plan will be addressed at the Spring Conference of the County Commissioners of PA (CCAP). The proposal, whose issues have already been identified, has been presented to the 8-County Commissioner Caucus with resolutions from the respective Boards of Commissioners expected in the near future.

The staff, including CCPC staff, recently underwent Media Training with assistance from Pat Wood of WJ Green and Associates. The session assisted staff in identifying the best application regarding individual responses in certain media situations. Mr. Szymborski expects additional staff training to be available as the staff's schedule permits.

There was some discussion at the TCRPC Executive Committee meeting regarding an open house prior to the TCRPC Full Commission meeting in October. Additional information will be made available when developed.

The Executive Committee of TCRPC also discussed the possibility of holding a summit on the implementation of the Regional Growth Management Plan in the later part of the year.

B. Local Planning Assistance Report.

The Local Planning Assistance report for the month of March 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. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Carney, a motion was passed to ratify the reviews of the 28 plan applications listed and attached to the file copy of these minutes. It should be noted Mr. Memmi abstained from action on plan #07-076 and Mr. Shaffer abstained from plans #07-081, #07-084, and #07-093.

B. Zoning Amendment Reviews

1. East Hanover Township – Curative Amendment – Rectify errors associated with Amendment 2005-10

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Carney, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the proposed amendment.

2. East Hanover Township - Text Amendment – Definition of Yard Areas

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Carney, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommend disapproval of the proposed revision based upon staff comments.

3. Lower Paxton Township – Map Amendment – Rezone property located at 5817 and 5819 Linglestown Road from Low Density Residential to Commercial General

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Sedesse, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommend disapproval of the proposed amendment, but did recommend rezoning the parcels to Commercial-Neighborhood based upon adjacent properties.

4. West Hanover Township – Text Amendment- Sign Regulations

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Oellig, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the proposed revision with consideration given to staff comments.

5. West Hanover Township – Text Amendment – Off-Street Parking Regulations

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the proposed revision with consideration given to staff comments.

6. Upper Paxton Township – Text Amendment – Wind Energy Conversion Systems

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Clark, the Commission voted 6-0-1, with Mr. Shaffer abstaining, to recommend approval of the proposed revision with consideration given to staff comments.

Note: Mr. Carney left the meeting at this point to attend another meeting (4:58 pm)

C. Intergovernmental Reviews

1. On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Clark, the Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval a letter of support for the loan application (2007-D04) for Decisions Child Care Center.

2. On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Sedesse, the Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval a letter of support for the loan application (2007-D05) for the PA National Sports Hall of Fame.

3. On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Sedesse, the Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval a letter of support for the grant application (2007-D06) for Middletown Public Pool.
4. On a motion by Mr. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Oellig, the Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval a letter of support for the grant application (2007-D07) for Swatara Township Pedestrian/Greenway Access Study.

D. Sewage Module Reviews

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Sedesse, the Commission ratified staff comments to DEP for sewage modules #2007-12 through #2007-14.

E. Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. Szymborski met with Chief Clerk Saylor and a determination is being made as to how to move forward, maintaining a June adoption deadline, while still garnering support from the municipalities. A decision will be made shortly.

F. 2006 DCPC Annual Report Draft

Ms. Park presented the draft copy and indicated the changes from previous years, most noticeable, the removal of the Building Permit Data will expedite the publishing of the Annual Report. The permit data will still be collected from municipalities and compiled in a new Building Activity Report, which will list trends and permit numbers for all three counties. The data will be compiled by individual county and regionally. Commission members were asked to supply comments within two weeks in order to move forward with printing and distribution

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Sedesse, the meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007** in the Commission's Second Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Sedesse

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Secretary