

DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

December 1, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Dauphin County Planning Commission was held Monday, December 1, 2008 in the Commission's Second Floor Conference Room of the Dauphin County Veteran's Office Building, Harrisburg, PA. Mr. Tunnell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were: Mr. Carney, Mr. Tom Clark, Mr. Memmi, Mr. Sedesse and Mr. Tunnell. Also present were Mr. Reardon and Ms. Park of the staff. Messrs. Ron Lucas, Rick LeBlanc, Mark Kurowski, and Scott Rhoads and Meses. Kim Frank and Julie Young were present as guests.

MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Mr. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Carney, the Commission approved the minutes of the November 3, 2008 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

1. Communications
2. Payment of Expenses

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

1. To TCRPC for November Subdivision & Sewage Module Fees:
Transfer..... \$1,903.08

REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report

On a motion by Mr. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark the Treasurer's Report in the form of a Financial Statement for the month ending November 30, 2008 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. Progress: Regional Transportation Planning Project, 2008-2009.

Mr. Reardon indicated the HATS Coordinating Committee would be meeting on December 5, 2008. Discussion would center on any amendments to the TIP.

The transit service study purpose and need section has been completed upon the receipt of data from CAT. A meeting is scheduled for early January 2009.

Mr. Reardon announced the receipt of grant monies to begin the Regional Growth Management Plan update. There will be a strong link between the RGMP and the Regional Transportation Plan.

The fourth quarter outreach meetings will focus on transportation issues including the aforementioned RGMP/RTP link. Scenario planning will be a tool to indicate how the growth projections will impact the transportation networks.

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

(At this point Chairman Tunnell deviated from the agenda to allow guests to present information beginning with item 6.b.2. under New Business)

2. Susquehanna Township – Map Amendment – rezone property owned by the Commonwealth along Elmerton Avenue from Conservation to Business/Office/Residential

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, the Commission recommended by a vote of 5-0 to approve the proposed amendment with consideration given to staff comments.

(At this point in the meeting, Chairman Tunnell returned to item 6.a.1 under New Business on the agenda)

A. Subdivision/Land Development Matters

1. Review /Comment

On a motion by Mr. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, a motion was passed to ratify the reviews of the nine plan applications listed and attached to the file copy of these minutes.

2. Approval/Disapproval

Williams Township – Loraine Adams

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Sedesse, the Commission approved the plan contingent upon staff comments. As part of the motion the following waivers were also approved; minimum lot frontage, minimum lot area, building setback lines on lots (as opposed to a note), and the preliminary plat process.

Williams Township – Eastern District Christian & Missionary Alliance

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Sedesse, the Commission approved the plan. As part of the motion the following waivers were also approved; minimum lot frontage, minimum lot area, building setback lines on lots (as opposed to a note), and the preliminary plat process.

Williams Township – Gregory & Cynthia Showers

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Sedesse, the Commission approved the plan contingent upon staff comments. As part of the motion the following waivers were also approved; minimum lot frontage, minimum lot area, building setback lines on lots (as opposed to a note).

B. Zoning Amendment Reviews

1. Penbrook Borough – Text Amendment- Add communication tower provisions

On a motion by Mr. Tom Clark, seconded by Mr. Memmi, the Commission recommended approval of the proposal with consideration given to staff comments.

3. Middle Paxton Township – Text Amendment – Animals/Animal Structure Provisions

On a motion by Mr. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Carney, the Commission recommended approval the proposed amendment giving consideration to additional staff comments.

C. Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Amendments

1. Washington Township – Recreation provisions

On a motion by Mr. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, the Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approve the proposed amendment with additional comments.

2. Middle Paxton Township – Temporary/Permanent cul-de-sacs

On a motion by Mr. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Carney, the Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approve the proposed amendment.

D. Intergovernmental Review – Jackson Township – Fisherville Firehouse

On a motion by Mr. Sedesse, seconded by Mr. Carney, the Commission recommended a letter of support for the proposed grant application.

E. Conoy Township, Lancaster County – Municipal Comprehensive Review

On a motion by Mr. Tom Clark, seconded by Mr. Memmi, the Commission concurred with staff comments in the proposed response letter.

F. Dauphin County Park, Recreation Greenway and Open Space Plan

Mr. Reardon noted the draft plan and public hearings have been completed. All 40 municipalities and school districts will receive a copy of the plan for review and comment and in following the MPC regulations, adjacent counties, municipalities, and school districts will also receive a copy for consideration. Public notices appeared in the Patriot-News, Upper Dauphin Sentinel, Hershey Chronicle, Hummelstown Sun and the Middletown Press & Journal. The final draft is expected to be prepared by mid-January 2009.

G. Dauphin County Planning Commission term expirations – 12/31/08

Members whose terms are ending should communicate their desires for reappointment to the County Commissioners office for consideration.

H. LPA Agreements

On a motion by Mr. Tom Clark, seconded by Mr. Sedesse, the commission agreed to enter into contracts for municipal advisory service for 2009 with the following municipalities:

Conewago Township	Derry Township
East Hanover Township	Halifax Township
Jefferson Township	Lower Paxton Township
Middle Paxton Township	Millersburg Borough
Royalton Borough	Rush Township
Susquehanna Township	Swatara Township
Upper Paxton Township	

I. Proposed 2009 Meeting Dates

On a motion by Mr. Memmi, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, the proposed schedule of meeting dates for 2009 was approved for publication.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Memmi, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2009** in the Commission's Second Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Sedesse

Secretary