

**DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**March 2, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Dauphin County Planning Commission was held Monday, March 2, 2009 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 4:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were: Mr. Edward Carney, Mr. Tom Clark, Mr. John Kerschner, Mr. Gary Lenker, Mr. Skip Memmi, and Mr. Daniel Tunnell. Also present were Messrs. Szymborski, Reardon and Sundara and Ms. Park of the staff. In attendance as guests were: Mr. Kasputis and Ms. Ann Shomper, supervisors for Rush Township, Rush Township residents Mr. Doug Harrison, Mr. Steven Harrison and Mr. Shomper. Mr. Galbraith, Harrisburg Bureau of Water, Mr. Knarr, Rettew Associates and Mr. Quigley, H. Edward Black, Inc.

MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, the Commission approved the minutes of the February 2, 2009 meeting. Messrs. Carney and Oellig abstained due to previous absences.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

- 1. Communications
- 2. Payment of Expenses

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

- a. To TCRPC for February Subdivision Fees:
  - Transfer..... \$4,307.00

REPORTS

- 1. Treasurer's Report

On a motion by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, the Treasurer's Report in the form of a Financial Statement for the month ending February 28, 2009 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. Szymborski briefed the Commission on the Economic Recovery Act projects recently added to the HATS TIP.

*(At this time, Mr. Tunnell moved to agenda item 6.a.2 to accommodate the guests at the meeting.)*

### B. Local Planning Assistance Report.

The Local Planning Assistance report for the month of February 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. Review/Comment

On a motion by Mr. Tom Clark, seconded by Mr. Oellig, a motion was passed to ratify staff reviews of the 20 plan applications listed and attached to the file copy of these minutes. It should be noted; Mr. Memmi abstained from plans #09-041 through #09-043 and Mr. Tom Clark abstained from plan #09-053.

*(At this time, Mr. Tunnell moved to agenda item 6.d. to accommodate a guest at the meeting.)*

#### 2. Approval/Disapproval

##### **Site PA 514/Bendigo Airport – Rush Township**

##### **Site PA 512/Sr 325 106 N. Lloyds Lane – Rush Township**

On a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the commission voted to keep the plans (#2009-027 and 2009-028) tabled to allow the developer to respond to comments from the staff and township. (Note: due to inclement weather, the developers had asked for the plans to be tabled. An extension of time will be pursued by staff.)

##### **William Dennis Troutman – Jefferson Township**

No comments have been received from the township. The plan remains tabled.

*(At this time, Mr. Tunnell returned to agenda item 6.a.1.)*

## B. Zoning Amendments

1. Lower Paxton Township – Text Amendment – adding “Flats” to residential dwelling types

On a motion by Mr. Tom Clark, seconded by Mr. Lenker, the Commission recommended support of staff comments calling for the approval of the text amendment.

2. West Hanover Township – Text Amendment – provisions for big box stores, electronic signs, wind energy devices and shopping cart storage

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, the Commission recommended approval of the amendment conditioned on staff comments being accepted.

*(At this time, Mr. Tunnell moved to agenda item 6.c.3 to accommodate the staff at the meeting.)*

## C. Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance Amendments

1. Londonderry Township – plat submission procedures

On a motion by Mr. Memmi, seconded by Mr. Oellig, the Commission recommended support of staff comments which call for the approval of the amendment.

2. Swatara Township – recreation/open space design standards

On a motion by Mr. Tom Clark, seconded by Mr. Oellig, the Commission voted 4-2 to recommended approval of the proposal with consideration to staff comments. Messrs. Kerschner and Lenker voted no.

3. West Hanover Township – Site Design Standards

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

*(At this time, Mr. Tunnell returned to agenda item 6.c.1.)*

## D. Paxtang Borough Comprehensive Plan

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Carney, the Commission voted to recommend approval of the plan giving consideration to staff comments.

*(At this time, Mr. Tunnell returned to agenda item 6.b.1 to accommodate the staff at the meeting.)*

*(It should be noted; Mr. Carney left the meeting at 4:58pm)*

E. Dauphin County Planning Commission 2008 Annual Report

Ms. Park had previously distributed a draft of the 2008 annual report of the Commission. On a motion by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, the Commission recommended printing of the annual report allowing a week for any additional member comments.

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

Mr. Szymborski indicated favorable comments have been received from the Perry County Planning Commission supporting the plan. The final study review committee meeting will be held March 12, 2009 before presenting the plan to the county commissioners

G. 2009 LPA Agreements

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, with a second by Mr. Tom Clark, the Commission agreed to enter into a Local Planning Assistance agreement with the following municipalities:

Elizabethville Borough  
Wayne Township

Hummelstown Borough

H. Intergovernmental Reviews

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, with a second by Mr. Tom Clark, the commission voted to ratify staff comments and recommend letters of support be sent regarding the 6 intergovernmental reviews. It should be noted Mr. Memmi recused himself from reviews # D27 and D28.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Oellig, seconded by Mr. Lenker, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2009** in the Commission's Second Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Paul D. Clark*  
Secretary