

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

July 27, 2006

The regular quarterly meeting of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission was held on July 27, 2006 in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Dauphin County Administration Building. Mr. Lenker called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission members present were Chairman Lenker, Vice-Chairman Forrey, Cumberland County Commissioner Eichelberger, Perry County Commissioner Kennedy, Ms. Best, Mr. Blain, Mr. Bullock, Mr. Carney, Mr. Heefner, Mr. Kerschner, Mr. McCallin, Mr. Rhoades, Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Stees, and Mr. Wonders. Mr. Szymborski, Ms. Carter and Ms. Park of the staff were in attendance. Mr. Stoner, Director of Cumberland County Planning Office was in attendance as a guest.

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 27, 2006 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Heefner, seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The actions of the Executive Committee on the Financial Statements for April 2006 were ratified on a motion by Ms. Best, seconded by Mr. Kerschner. The May Financial Statement was ratified on a motion by Mr. Stees, seconded by Mr. Blain.

The Financial Statement for June 2006 was received for filing and audit on a motion by Mr. Forney, seconded by Mr. Heefner. Copies of the Financial Statements are attached to the file copy of these minutes.

PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

The actions of the Executive Committee on the expenses for April 2006 were ratified through a motion by McCallin, seconded by Mr. Shaffer. The May expenses were ratified on a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Stees.

The payment of June 2006 expenses was approved on a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Ms. Best.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Szymborski presented for authorization to sign, a Pennsylvania State Data Center Affiliate Agreement for the term of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008. Authorization was granted on a motion by Mr. Carney, seconded by Mr. Heefner.

PLANNING PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

The 2007-2010 TIP has been approved (includes 19 HTS/SRS/TE Projects for \$10.7 million. The Air Quality Resolution has been adopted. The Self-Certification Resolution has been adopted.

Major Current Issue – Earmarked Federal dollars under authority ceiling limiting dollars obligated to 87% authority. The HATS Legislative Liaison Committee is to meet with the congressional/senatorial/legislative representatives of our metropolitan area.

The Dauphin County Planning Commission and the Dauphin County Conservation District are partnering this fall to sponsor a training workshop entitled “Growing Greener – Conservation by Design”.

The Commission is partnering with the Perry County Planning Commission to co-sponsor a training workshop on Zoning Hearing Board functions.

Staff, in partnership with Shippensburg University interns, is continuing to assist Jefferson Township with the preparation of a municipal comprehensive plan.

Staff is entering the final stages of assisting Millersburg Borough and Upper Paxton Township in the preparation of a joint municipal comprehensive plan.

The initial phases of establishing oversight task forces for the development of a Model Zoning Ordinance and Model Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance are being completed by staff.

The Commission, through Mr. Szymborski’s participation, is coordinating an eight county initiative to develop a Regional Action Plan, evolving from the Regional workshop conducted last year by five State Departments focusing on Transportation and Land Use for Economic Development. A meeting of the respective planning directors is scheduled for August 2nd at the DCED Local Government Services Center.

Staff has met with Dauphin County Conservation District staff to present and discuss three major elements of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC): Comprehensive Plans; Subdivision & Land Development Ordinances; and Zoning Ordinances. Staff also responded to planning related questions DCCD staff had pertaining to its MPC related responsibilities.

Staff is working with Londonderry Township officials to evaluate the ability of the existing zoning ordinance, subdivision & land development ordinance, and comprehensive plan to manage growth and development.

The Commission’s GIS Department is continuing to move from the GIS Geomedia software to an ESRI software environment.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM PLANNING SUPPORT: STAFF PRESENTATION

Jessie Carter, GIS Coordinator, did a PowerPoint presentation on the types of planning support being provided by the GIS staff. This includes mapping and analysis for the Tri-County Regional Growth Management Plan, the Perry County Comprehensive Plan; Millersburg – Upper Paxton Joint Comprehensive Plan; transportation projects; subdivision activity, and a Development Guidelines map for Dauphin County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rhoades, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Full Commission is scheduled for **Thursday, October 26, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary