

## DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

### Minutes of the Meeting

September 12, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Dauphin County Planning Commission was held on Monday, September 12, 2022. The meeting was held in person in the Conference Room at the TCRPC offices at 112 Market Street, Harrisburg with additional member participation via Zoom telecommuting software. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Mary Gaiski at 4:03 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Those members present were Mr. Jonathan Bowser, Ms. Mary Gaiski, Mr. John Kerschner, Mr. Gary Lenker, Mr. Fred Lighty, Ms. Taryn Morgan, and Mr. Robert Spandler. Also present were Mr. Steve Deck and Mr. Jerry Duke of the staff.

### MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion made by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Mr. Spandler, the Commission approved 7-0 the minutes from the August 8, 2022 meeting.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Spandler, seconded by Ms. Morgan, the Commission approved 7-0 to transfer to TCRPC the Subdivision and Sewage Module review fees in the amount of \$3,021.35 for August, 2022. The Treasurer's Report in the form of Financial Statements for the month ending August 31, 2022 were accepted for filing and audit.

### REPORTS

- a. Report of Officers: No reports.
- b. Communications & Staff Reports: No Reports
- c. Program Progress Report: August, 2022 (attached)

Mr. Deck indicated there was an evaluation with a work group of the applications for the RTP Implementation Grant Program. There were 14 applications for the \$6,000,000 of funding available. Many of the applications were for active transportation projects. The targeted opening date for the bike share program (SusqueCycle) is in September, with bikes being shipped for September 16th. Staff has been notified that the regional congestion plan will be funded by PennDOT.

Staff continues to work towards obtaining funding from the Safe Streets For All grant program. The initial step is to request funding for the completion of a safety plan, which can be used to identify projects eligible for safety related funding.

Mr. Deck updated the Commission on the federally mandated county-wide stormwater planning (Countywide Action Plan (CAP)) effort and the initiation of the WREP program. The County CAP funds were used towards phase II of the

Conewago Creek improvement project. This project allowed the creation of additional sediment credits which can be offered to eligible communities for purchase and contribution to the WREP program. Staff continued to recruit municipalities to join the program in order to establish program goals, services and future projects.

- d. Committees: No current items.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a. Subdivision/Land Development Matters

1. Review/Comments

On a motion by Mr. Spandler, seconded by Ms. Morgan, the Commission voted 7-0 to ratify staff review of the six (6) applications.

- b. Zoning Amendments

1. South Hanover Township – Parking Requirements for Single Family Development.

The Commission discussed the various components contained in the proposed ordinance with the discussion primarily focused on the additional parking requirements, and their impacts (including increased stormwater). Staff provided a draft letter which identified their concerns with the proposed amendment.

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Lenker, the Commission voted 7-0 to not recommend the proposed amendment and to forward the comments as contained in the presented draft letter.

2. Lower Paxton Township -1620 Parkway West – R-1 to OSD

The Commission discussed the various components contained in the proposed rezoning request. Much of the discussion focused on the impacts to the adjacent properties. Mr. Kerschner asked if a yield study had been prepared. Mr. Lighty indicated that no yield study had been provided to the Lower Paxton Township Planning Commission. The Township Planning Commission reviewed the application at their last meeting, which was held the previous evening.

On a motion by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Mr. Bowser, the Commission voted 6-1, with Mr. Kerschner opposed, to recommend the approval of the proposed application and adoption of the implementing ordinance.

c. Subdivision Amendments

1. South Hanover Township – Revisions to Landscape Provisions

The Commission discussed the various components contained in the proposed ordinance including the recommendation to have the ordinance list approved plant species. Staff provided a draft letter which identified their comments on the proposed ordinance.

On a motion by Mr. Spandler, seconded by Mr. Bowser, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed amendment and to forward the comments as contained in the presented draft letter.

2. South Hanover Township – Requirements for Developer’s Agreement prior to Development

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Ms. Morgan, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommend the proposed amendment.

3. West Hanover Township – Waiver of Preliminary Plan Requirements

On a motion by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Mr. Spandler, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommend the proposed amendment.

d. Intergovernmental Reviews

1. Swatara Township – Swatara Township Emergency Operations Center and Law Enforcement Facilities
2. Middle Paxton Township/Dauphin County – Detweiler Park Development RACP Application
3. Middle Paxton Township/Dauphin County – Detweiler Park Development DCED Application
4. Mifflin Township – Weaver Road Culvert Replacement Project
5. Susquehanna Township – Paxtang Parkway Trail Design and Permitting Project
6. Berrysburg Borough – 2022-2023 Playground Project

On a motion by Mr. Bowser, seconded by Mr. Spandler, the Commission voted 7-0, to vote on the applications in one action and to indicate plan consistency for each of the applications.

7. Harrisburg City – North 4<sup>th</sup> Street Revitalization Project

On a motion by Mr. Spandler, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the Commission voted 6-0-1, with Mr. Lenker abstaining, to indicate plan consistency for the application.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

a. 2023 Meeting Schedule:

On a motion by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Mr. Spandler, the Commission voted 7-0 to approve the 2023 meeting schedule: January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 11, October 2, November 6, and December 4.

Mr. Deck reminded the Commission that the TCRPC annual luncheon is October 5th.

There were no additional items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2022. This is the second Monday.**

The meeting will be in the Dauphin County Veteran's Memorial Office Building's Second Floor for those wishing to meet in person. The meeting will be also available to the public and Commission members via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

*Josh First*

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Secretary