

DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

April 4, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Dauphin County Planning Commission was held on Monday, April 4, 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 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were Mr. Josh First, Ms. Mary Gaiski, Mr. Gary Lenker, Mr. Fred Lighty, Ms. Taryn Morgan, Mr. Robert Spandler, and Mr. Carter Wyckoff. Also present were Mr. Steve Deck and Mr. Jerry Duke of the staff.

MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion made by Mr. First, seconded by Ms. Morgan, the Commission approved 7-0 the minutes from the March 7, 2022 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. First, seconded by Mr. Spandler, the Commission approved 7-0 to transfer to TCRPC the Subdivision and Sewage Module review fees in the amount of \$2,878.46 plus the monthly interest for March, 2022. The Treasurer's Report in the form of Financial Statements for the month ending March 31, 2022 were accepted for filing and audit.

REPORTS

- a. Report of Officers: Ms. Gaiski reminded Commission members to return their Statement of Financial Interest form back to the Commissioners' Office.
- b. Communications & Staff Reports: No items.
- c. Program Progress Report: March, 2022 (attached)

Mr. Deck provided updates on transportation related projects. He noted staff reviewed the five received proposals for bikeshare vendors. The HATS committees are anticipated to elect a vendor in April. There will be a grant application filed to DCNR for the completion of an Active Transportation Plan. Application is due April 4th.

Mr. Deck gave an update on the federally mandated county-wide stormwater planning (Countywide Action Plan (CAP) effort). Staff has been working with the Commissioners on the establishing a long term funding mechanism to develop and construct regional stormwater project that will save communities money by developing projects on a regional basis. The initial CAP implementation funding will

be used to assist the communities completing the Conewago Creek Improvement project in Londonderry Township. Benefits may be realized by five neighboring municipalities in meeting their MS4 requirements. Estimates for the cooperative project indicates a 60% to 90% cost savings. Staff is working to further funding in this cooperative effort for Phase III of the project.

Other items identified by Mr. Deck included the updates to the TCRPC website. Also, the auditors have completed their preliminary TCRPC financial audits and their initial findings have been positive.

d. Committees:

No items.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Subdivision/Land Development Matters

1. Review/Comments

On a motion by Mr. Spandler, seconded by Mr. First, the Commission voted 7-0 to ratify staff review of the ten (10) applications.

2. Approvals

a. Millersburg Borough – Michael W. and Julie A. Cross Subdivision

On a motion by Mr. First, seconded by Mr. Lenker, the Commission voted 7-0 to accept the plan as complete and accepted it for review.

Mr. Duke noted with this action the 90 day review period in conformance with the Municipality Planning Code is initiated.

b. Zoning Amendments

1. Derry Township – Wireless Communications Facilities Zoning Amendment

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

2. Lower Paxton Township – Residential Retirement Development District (R-RD) allowance for ConveyORIZED Car Wash Zoning Amendment

On a motion by Mr. Wycoff, seconded by Mr. Spandler, the Commission voted 7-0 to not recommend approval and to provide comments as presented by staff on the proposed amendment.

3. Gratz Borough – Redefining Electricity Generating Plant and Changing Regulations for Wind Farms and Major Solar Systems Zoning Amendment

On a motion by Mr. Spandler, seconded by Mr. First, the Commission voted 7-0 to not recommend approval and to provide comments as presented by staff on the proposed amendment.

d. Intergovernmental Review

1. Harrisburg City – Whitaker Center Critical Air Quality Improvements Facility
2. Harrisburg City– Harrisburg City Parks Master Plan
3. Harrisburg City – Paxtang Parkway (Spring Creek) Stream Bank Restoration
4. Harrisburg City – Harrisburg City Parks Chutes Complex Phase
5. Hummelstown Borough – Alexander Park Improvements
6. Lower Paxton Township - Brightbill Park Redevelopment
7. Londonderry Township - Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan

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

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Duke said the 2021 Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Annual Report is available on the TCRPC website. The document contains the annual report for the Dauphin County Planning Commission as well as TCRPC, Perry County Planning Commission and HATS. The link to view the plan was sent to all commission members and if anyone had any comments, they can forward them to staff.

There were no other additional items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2022.**

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