

DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

February 7, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Dauphin County Planning Commission was held on Monday, February 7, 2022. The meeting was held in person at the TCRPC offices at 112 Market Street, Harrisburg with additional member participation via Zoom telecommuting software. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Robert Spandler at 4:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were Mr. Jonathan Bowser, Mr. Josh First, Mr. John Kerschner, Mr. Fred Lighty, Mr. Robert Spandler, and Mr. Carter Wyckoff. Also present were Mr. Steve Deck and Mr. Jerry Duke of the staff. One person observed the meeting via zoom: William Rowe.

MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion made by Mr. First, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the Commission approved 6-0 the minutes from the January 10, 2022 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Bowser, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the Commission approved 6-0 to transfer to TCRPC the Subdivision and Sewage Module review fees in the amount of \$1,736.03 for January, 2022. The Treasurer's Report in the form of Financial Statements for the month ending January 31, 2022 were accepted for filing and audit.

REPORTS

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

Mr. Deck provided updates on several staff projects. He mentioned he attended a legislative briefing on the status of transportation funding as it relates to funding from the Federal Infrastructure bill and the status of the design schedule for the I-81 Improvement projects. He also noted the progress working with PennDOT and FHWA in implementing a regional bike share project. He also mentioned the road closure reporting effort with NueGov and Waze.

He also gave an update on the county-wide stormwater planning (Countywide Action Plan (CAP)) effort and the establishment of a regional stormwater cooperation effort. In addition, he informed the commission that he is working with the Commissioners and Economic Development office to obtain approval of an initial project to be completed under the regional CAP program DCNR implementation grant. Mr. First indicated that he was pleased of the work being

completed and becoming a leader in the area of improving water quality. He further stated that this is one of the most important issues when discussing the area's most valuable environmental resources.

Mr. Duke noted that the annual Premier Project Awards winner will be announced at a virtual award presentation on February 17th, 2022.

d. Committees:

No items.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Subdivision/Land Development Matters

1. Review/Comments

On a motion by Mr. First, seconded by Mr. Bowser, the Commission voted 6-0 to ratify staff review of the nine (9) applications.

b. Zoning Amendments

1. Lower Paxton Township – Neighborhood Design District Map Amendment

A question was raised by Mr. Kerschner regarding the applicant's intent to prepare or share a yield analysis in order to support their rezoning application. Mr. Lighty also added to the discussion by providing additional background on the application as the application has been sent to the Lower Paxton Planning Commission for review. He expressed concerns on the timing of the proposed rezoning as there are other recent requests being considered for rezoning within the area. Also mentioned was with the previous zoning amendment reviews, the Commission indicated the need to update the local planning documents. This was important to do in order to ensure plan consistency with proposed zoning rezoning. This planning update would provide the necessary further analysis in considering rezoning of these parcels and whether to depict the change on future land use maps.

Other concerns raised were the impacts to local transportation and stormwater infrastructure, as well as existing natural and environmental features. Those factors should be further examined in the planning process.

It was the consensus that additional material should be completed to provide further clarification about the proposed rezoning.

Staff indicated it could revise the proposed letter to reflect the discussed revisions to be provided to assist the Township in considering the application.

On a motion by Mr. First, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval and provide additional comments on the

proposed rezoning. The additional comments beyond what appear in the draft letter are to include the suggestion that the applicant provide the discussed additional information.

c. Street Vacation

1. Harrisburg City – Shannon Street Portion

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Spandler, the Commission voted 6-0 to recommend the approval of the street vacation.

d. Intergovernmental Review

1. Steelton Borough – Hoffer Street Pump Station
2. Harrisburg City – Paxton Creek De-channelization Project
3. West Hanover Township – Champagne Farms Conservation Easement
4. Londonderry Twp. Conewago Creek Floodplain Restoration
5. Multi-Municipalities / Capital Region Water – Drinking Water Systems Capital Improvements Projects

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. First, the Commission voted 6-0, to vote on all applications in one action and to indicate plan consistency for each of the applications.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Deck said the construction improvements to the TCRPC conference room should be completed by the next Planning Commission meeting. Once completed it will allow a greater number of people.

There were no other additional items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 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