

DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

August 8, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Dauphin County Planning Commission was held on Monday, August 8, 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. Jonathon Bowser, Mr. Josh First, Ms. Mary Gaiski, Mr. John Kerschner, 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 9-0 the minutes from the July 11, 2022 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Spandler, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the Commission approved 9-0 to transfer to TCRPC the Subdivision and Sewage Module review fees in the amount of \$5,678.26 with unreported interest for July, 2022. The Treasurer's Report in the form of Financial Statements for the month ending July 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: July, 2022 (attached)

Mr. Deck indicated there has been a reapplication meeting held with 15 municipalities regarding the RTP Implementation Grant Program. The targeted opening date for the bike share program (SusqueCycle) is at the Kipona Festival in September. They have started the placement of bikes throughout the region.

Staff has also researched the Safe Streets for All grant program and anticipates applying for funding from this federal program. The initial step is to request funding for the completion of safety plan which can be used to identify projects eligible for safety related funding.

Staff has also been involved in discussion about a possible Downtown Circulation study focusing on the Market Street, Walnut Street, and Chestnut Street corridors and the Market Street Bridge. This project is part of the investigations on the impact

of moving the bus transfer from the current Market Street location to the CAT operations center on Cameron Street.

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.

- d. Committees: No current items. Mr. Duke indicated that there will likely be future committee reports regarding stormwater and the WREP program. The Commission will have a role in the WREP program and will receive future committee reports.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Subdivision/Land Development Matters

1. Review/Comments

On a motion by Mr. Spandler, seconded by Mr. First, the Commission voted 9-0 to ratify staff review of the sixteen (16) applications.

- b. Zoning Amendments

1. Susquehanna Township – Revision and Amendments – Municipal, County, State, Federal Facilities: Wholesale Trade; Vehicle Salvage; Recycling Facility; Exempt Township Land Uses and Structures.

The Commission discussed the various components contained in the proposed ordinance with the discussion primarily focused on the proposed exemption of Township building and uses from the requirements. Staff provided a draft letter which identified their concerns regarding providing this exemption.

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Spandler, the Commission voted 9-0 to provide comments to Susquehanna Township regarding the proposed amendment as contained in the presented draft letter.

- c. Intergovernmental Review

1. Middletown Borough – Emaus Streetscape Project
 2. Derry Township – Downtown Hershey Gateway Improvement Project

On a motion by Mr. Spandler, seconded by Mr. Lenker, the Commission voted 9-0, to vote on all applications in one action and to indicate plan consistency for each of the applications.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

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

Mr. Duke informed the Commission that staff will be accepting for applications for the Premier Project Awards. It is anticipated the award presentations will be at an in person event. Staff is currently investigating potential locations to hold the awards luncheon.

There were no additional items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2022. This is the second Monday due to the Labor Day Holiday.**

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