

DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

February 2, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Dauphin County Planning Commission was held Monday, February 2, 2009 in the Commission’s Second Floor Conference Room of the Dauphin County Veteran’s Office Building, Harrisburg, PA. Mr. Tunnell called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were: Mr. Tom Clark Mr. Paul Clark, Mr. Kerschner, Mr. Lenker, Mr. Memmi, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Tunnell. Also present were Messrs. Szymborski and Reardon and Ms. Park of the staff. Messrs. Kasputis and Koppenhaver, supervisors for Rush Township were in the attendance as guests

MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Paul Clark, the Commission approved the minutes of the January 5, 2009 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

1. Communications

- Mr. Szymborski distributed a letter of resignation from Mr. Sedesse. The resignation was accepted with regret on a motion by Mr. Shaffer, seconded by Mr. Paul Clark. Staff was directed to draft a letter of appreciation to Mr. Sedesse for his service to the Commission. It was requested that DCPC members attend any proclamation presentation for Mr. Sedesse as may be determined.

2. Payment of Expenses

On a motion by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the Commission approved transfer of funds for the following expenses:

a. To TCRPC for January Subdivision Fees:

Transfer.....	\$5,266.55
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REPORTS

1. Secretary’s Report

Mr. Paul Clark agreed to complete the term for the position of Secretary after Mr. Sedesse’s resignation.

2. Treasurer's Report

On a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, the Treasurer's Report in the form of a Financial Statement for the month ending January 31, 2009 was accepted for filing and audit. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Progress: Regional Transportation Planning Project, 2008-2009.

- The staff continues to wait receipt of the applications for the PennDOT Smart Transportation Initiative. The initiative is funded with \$60 million statewide.
- Staff has met with District 8-0 to coordinate a list of projects that could be fast tracked if an economic stimulus package was passed early in the new administration. The recent listing prepared by the district contained only one Dauphin County project for consideration (Rt. 39 widening). Despite several conference calls, no further information is pending until passage of the federal legislation approving such funding.

B. Local Planning Assistance Report.

The Local Planning Assistance report for the month of January was distributed to those members present. A copy of the report is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Subdivision/Land Development Matters

1. Approval/Disapproval

Site PA 514/Bendigo Airport – Rush Township

Site PA 512/Sr 325 106 N. Lloyds Lane – Rush Township

On a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the commission voted to table plans #2009-027 and 2009-028 in Rush Township to allow for review and comment from the township.

William Dennis Troutman – Jefferson Township

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the commission approved the request for a waiver of the preliminary plan process.

On a motion by Mr. Paul Clark, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the commission voted to table plans #2009-029 to allow for the developer to reply to the staff comments.

2. Review /Comment

On a motion by Mr. Shaffer, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, a motion was passed to ratify the reviews of the 15 plan applications listed and attached to the file copy of these minutes. It should be noted; Mr. Shaffer abstained from plan #2009-024, while Mr. Memmi abstained from plan #200825.

B. Intergovernmental Reviews

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, with a second by Mr. Lenker, the commission voted to ratify staff comments and recommend letters of support be sent regarding the 23 intergovernmental reviews. It should be noted Mr. Memmi recused himself from reviews # D02, D03, D16, and D17.

C. Dauphin County S&LD Ordinance update

Ms. Park indicated the update of the County S&LD ordinance has been authorized by the County Commissioners. The County Engineers, HRG have been asked to prepare a cost estimate for assisting with the engineering components of the ordinance. The scope of work will be completed when all cost estimates are finalized. LUPTAP applications are due to PA DCED by Friday, February 6, 2009. Significant delays due to state cash flow problems may not generate a reply to this application for some months.

Mr. Lenker asked if the work the Commission had done on the model ordinances was being used in the drafting of this update. Mr. Szymborski responded that the model ordinances are the guiding documents for the update of this 1992 document.

D. Sewage Module Reviews

On a motion by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Mr. Shaffer, the Commission ratified the review of Sewage Modules # 2009-04 and -05.

E. Dauphin County Park, Recreation, Greenway and Open Space Plan

Mr. Szymborski indicated the text of the document is complete and a draft submitted. Public participation has wrapped up with limited response. The committee will hold one additional meeting before forwarding the document to the Dauphin County Advisory Board and then to the Commission for its recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. It was the consensus of the commission to continue forward with the process.

F. Millersburg Borough Zoning Ordinance

Ms. Park indicated the activity leading up to this proposed project. A proposal for the \$24.6 thousand project to DCED will be submitted pending commission concurrence. On a motion by Mr. Tom Clark, seconded by Mr. Lenker the commission agreed to enter into the project and apply to DCED for \$12.3 thousand, the maximum share.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Memmi, seconded by Mr. Tom Clark, the meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2009** in the Commission's Second Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul D. Clark

Secretary