

CUMBERLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

April 17, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Cumberland County Planning Commission was held Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. at Business Central, 18 N. Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA.

Roll Call

Members present included Jackie Eakin, William Forrey, Allan Williams, Ron Glesner, Bruce Rosendale, Bud Brown, Deb Ealer, Chris Knarr, Raj Jain, ex-officio member Barbara Wilson. Staff members present included Kirk Stoner, Jeff Kelly, Jim Bennett, Becky Wiser and Jennifer Crum. Coordinating Agencies present were Tom Imphong – Recycling & Waste Authority. Guests included Jason Finnerty, Drew Ames, Janine Park – Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jackie Eakin at 7:30 a.m.

Minutes

A motion to approve the March 20, 2008 meeting minutes was made by William Forrey, seconded by Chris Knarr. The vote was unanimous.

Coordinating Agencies

Tom Imphong – Recycling & Waste Authority

- The first recycling event was held on April 5th, collecting 3 tractor trailer and 1 box truck loads of tires from county residents. The remaining events will be held for two consecutive days at the Allen Road - County Service Center. Dates and times are listed on their website.
- Staff, a consultant, and the Authority are currently working on developing a new Waste Management Plan required by Act 101, with the main focus on long-range waste disposal capacity for the county, what recycling programs should be available to the public and a revenue source for the Authority. Express support to local representatives of House Bill 934 to move forward. If passed this will be the deciding factor to allow counties or authorities to place a fee on the county generated waste to offset costs for recycling programs initiated by the authority.
- Cumberland County Landfill is currently in the expansion process.

Jackie introduced new Planning Commission Member Raj Jain. Raj briefed the board of his background in planning and other committees/organizations he has worked with.

New Business:

A. Redevelopment and Housing Authority Presentation – Chris Gulotta

Chris presented the Downtown Activities to the board. A downtown coordinator was hired to provide technical assistance to the local communities.

Chris highlighted the Authority's bridge and street projects, business development, traffic studies, housing for homeless and blighted properties programs. A bridge may be available on the border of New York state for the county to use to replace a Wormleysburg Borough bridge and also grant money in the amount of \$35,000 will be used for repairs.

Questions were asked regarding change uses and bridge expansion in Wormleysburg and the number of homeless in the county.

Kirk mentioned the downtown Carlisle traffic study and the need to have HATS involved in the process from the start.

B. Model Ordinance Presentation – Jason Finnerty & Janine Park

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission has been working on a regional model zoning ordinance for municipalities to use as a guide for their own ordinance. A presentation was given regarding the contents of the ordinance.

Suggestions from the board to enhance the guide included commentaries as a side bar to reference more details, to consolidate the document – too lengthy, simplify specific areas for rural areas to utilize, and address open space, greenways, and walking trails.

The Planning Commission took action to support the model ordinances on a motion by William Forrey, seconded by Bud Brown. Vote was unanimous.

C. HATS Process Presentation – deferred until next meeting

D. Subdivision and Land Development Plans (Information)

There were 15 plan reviews this month.

Jeff briefed the board on Business Airport in Carlisle Borough, widening the runway.

He stated the amount of acreage proposed for development so far this year is 233.4 acres compared to last year's first quarter being 425 acres.

E. Sewerage Modules (Information)

1. Dickinson – Lehman subdivision, 7 residential lots (septic, public water)
2. Hopewell – Wickard Tract, 3 residential lots (public)
3. Southampton – Eric Weaver, 1 residential lot (septic)
4. Upper Allen – James Gutshall, 1 residential lot (septic)

F. Planning Commission By-Laws

- Kirk amended article 6, section 9 of the by-laws which addresses meeting attendance and options for the Commission to consider.

William Forrey made a motion to accept changes to the by-laws, Ron Glesner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

G. Planning Program Update

Kirk referred the board to the planning department report. He spoke about the new Smart Growth Partnership meeting. The first meeting went well with an attendance of 24 plus staff. There will be a survey online for the public to respond. Kirk would like to see the Planning Commission be involved in the larger focus of the committee and bring ideas on how to address the big issues.

H. Transportation

Kirk informed the board of bridge replacements in the county, Craighead in South Middleton and Wolfs Bridge in Middlesex Township.

I. Communications

Kirk will send support letter to Chris Gulotta regarding Wormleysburg.

Allan reminded the board about the race-run-ride trail event on April 20th at the Rails to Trails in the county.

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 7:30 a.m., at Business Central, Carlisle. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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