

CUMBERLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

May 15, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Cumberland County Planning Commission was held Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. at Business Central, 18 N. Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA.

Roll Call

Members present included Jackie Eakin, Allan Williams, Ron Glesner, Bruce Rosendale, Bud Brown, Deb Ealer, Chris Knarr, ex-officio member Barbara Wilson and Commissioner Gary Eichelberger. Staff members present included Kirk Stoner, Jeff Kelly, Jim Bennett, Becky Wisner and Jennifer Crum. Coordinating Agencies present were Tom Imphong – Recycling & Waste Authority; Brian Jaymes – Conservation District. Also present was Drew Ames – 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 April 17th, 2008 meeting minutes was made by Bruce Rosendale, seconded by Bud Brown. The vote was unanimous.

Coordinating Agencies

Brian Jaymes – Conservation District

- A pamphlet was developed on how to control post construction runoff and was provided to municipalities.
- Envirothon is sponsored again this year by the Conservation District.
- Erosion control plans for the Williams Grove Road Bridge have been reviewed.

Tom Imphong – Recycling & Waste Authority

- 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 continue 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.
- A new machine for composting yard waste was just purchased - grant reimbursable by 90%.
- Allan Williams questioned the status recycling in the western portion of the county. Deb Ealer mentioned that she attended the electronic recycling drop-off event and was very impressed how well organized the event was run. Bruce had concerns regarding municipalities clean-up days and specific items that should not be set out for pick-up. Bud questioned what is done with the recycled tires and how they are reused. Tom gave history of how the programs have evolved regarding the cost differences.

New Business:

A. HATS Process Presentation – Drew Ames

Transportation / Development process was discussed – determine purpose & need through National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) analysis. Intent is to integrate transportation planning with NEPA law. The process Combines efforts with Planning, NEPA, HATS , Federal and State funds. Steps: (1). Funding available (2). Screening – is project available for funding (3). County Planning Commission review & NEPA (4). Scope of Work submitted (5). Submit P-2 form. Kirk stated that this process will be a cost savings to the improvement program. The first county bridge to go through this program process will be Craighead Bridge on York Road. Drew gave a detailed presentation on this process.

B. Subdivision and Land Development Plans (Information) 27 Plans

Jeff mentioned a South Middleton Township plan – The Orchards at Marsh Run – PH 1. This is a large mixed retirement community. Barb Wilson stated that this will be a Life Care Community. Middlesex Township – Carlisle Sports Emporium – they are moving some of their outdoor entertainment facilities to another portion of their lot and have sold part of their ground to another developer.

C. Ordinance Amendments (Information)

1. South Middleton – Zoning Map Change – Woodland Conservation to Low Density Residential on Sand Bank Road, 82.9 acres. - This is a similar request that was reviewed by the County in 2007 and recommended disapproval at that time. The new proposal has not substantially changed and the Planning Department recommends disapproval of this amendment.

D. Sewerage Modules (Information)

The following modules were reviewed and comments forwarded to the municipalities.

1. Dickinson – Thompson Farm – 1 residential unit (septic)
2. Hampden – Brandywine Extension, 20 residential units (public)
3. North Newton – Robert Zimmerman, 1 commercial lot (septic)
4. Southampton – Southwood Crossing – 409 residential units (public)
5. West Pennsboro – William McKeehan, 1 residential lot (septic)

E. Western Cumberland County Comprehensive Plan – Intergovernmental Cooperative Implementation Agreement (Action)

Jackie referred the board to the intergovernmental agreement to implement the region Comprehensive Plan for western Cumberland County. This is to be signed by the Planning Commission. Kirk and Jeff have reviewed this agreement and feel that the commission need to review and comment on this before signing. It was suggested that some changes may need to be made and discussed with the municipalities. Jackie requested a motion to table a decision and signature until next meeting on a motion by Ron Glesner, seconded by Bud Brown. The vote was unanimous.

F. Planning Program Update

Kirk referred the board to the monthly report, stating that staff has been working with municipalities on various projects. He gave an update on the Smart Growth Partnership Program and the information and ideas that come from the meetings. They will be used to update the comprehensive plan.

G. Transportation

Jim discussed funds that have increased for various programs to the transportation program. The US 15/581 project contract has been revised, \$70,000 improvements to Williams Grove Road, and the New Kingstown bypass is to be let this month. The congestion management plan is complete and available on the website for review. The 2009-2012 TIP is updated and the anticipated adoption date is June 27th.

H. Local Planning Assistance Program (Action)

30 municipalities have applied for the planning department assistance. Jackie requested a motion to accept the signed applications on a motion by Bud Brown, seconded by Allen Williams. The vote was unanimous.

I. Communications

Jeff informed the board of the next Western outreach meeting on June 10th.

Allan mentioned there is a memorial fund for Jack Blair. Carlisle Army Heritage Center and the Ag Extension Office is having an event on Saturday.

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 7:30 a.m., at Business Central, Carlisle. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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