

CUMBERLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

February 21, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Cumberland County Planning Commission was held Thursday, February 21, 2007 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, Chris Knarr, and ex-officio member Commissioner Gary Eichelberger. Staff members present included Kirk Stoner, Jim Szymborski, Jeff Kelly, Jim Bennett, and Jennifer Crum. Coordinating Agencies present were Brian Jaymes – Conservation District and Tom Imphong – Recycling & Waste Authority.

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

Minutes

A motion to approve the January 17, 2007 meeting minutes was made by Allan Williams, seconded by Ron Glesner. The vote was unanimous.

Coordinating Agencies

Brian Jaymes – Conservation District

- 31 Erosion control plans and 31 inspections this month. The district is having their 31st Annual Tree Sale. Deadline for orders is March 28th; delivery April 17th & 18th. Commissioner Eichelberger questioned if Municipalities are directly informed of the sale for their landscaping projects.

Tom Imphong – Recycling & Waste Authority

- Cumberland County Landfill has started construction on the methane gas system partnering with PPL; a state requirement of the permit application for the new expansion. The system will create natural gas as a green energy source.
- There will be 4 recycling drop off events this year at the Allen Road - County Service Center. The events will be held for two consecutive days, except for the tire collection event. Dates and times are listed on their website.
- Staff, a consultant, and the Authority are currently working on developing a new Waste Management Plan, 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 law change of House Bill 934 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.

New Business:

A. Subdivision and Land Development Plans (Information)

There were 32 plan reviews submitted this month with no major concerns reported.

- In Hampden Township, Valley Road – a new Giant Food Store shopping Center of about 100,000 square ft. will be constructed with other retail.
- Allan Williams questioned the South Middleton, Parkview at Boiling Springs plan that shows 107 lots on 72 acres. Jeff explained it will be on public sewer and water with average lots being 15,000 - 20,000 square ft. Kirk added there was a very lengthy conditional use hearing at the township and required additional lot detail and geologic study.
- Chairman Jackie Eakin questioned how many municipalities test car stapography.

B. Amendments (Information)

1. Carlisle – Zoning Ord. Amendment – Setback Requirements in the I-C Zone
2. Carlisle – Zoning Ord. Amendment – Off street parking for Convention Centers
3. Lower Allen – Zoning Ord. Amendments – Permit office space not related to primary use.

- Jeff indicated the Carlisle zoning amendment would reduce the setback in their industrial/commercial zone along private streets. Safety should be considered when justifying the reduced setback.
- Jim Bennett reported on Liberty Forge zoning amendment, Lower Allen Twp. that was reviewed last year. They are eliminating the senior living from the plans, but the rest remains the same with a high rise of approximately 520 living units in the preliminary phase. They are working on a draft ordinance and zoning amendment for resubmission.

C. Sewerage Modules (information)

1. Lemoyne – Norfolk Southern Lurgan Branch, Sewer line relocation and upgrade, (public)
2. Middlesex – Sheetz, Trindle Rd, 1 commercial lot (public)
3. Monroe – Meadows of Ashcombe Ph 1, 100 residential units (public)
4. Monroe – Parkview Meadows, 4 residential lots (septic)
5. Southampton – Michael Witmer, 1 residential lot (septic)
6. South Newton – Aaron I. Martin, 1 residential lot (septic)

There were no concerns noted for the above modules and the staff forwarded comments to the municipalities.

D. Planning Program Update

- Kirk updated the board on the County Comprehensive Plan in regards to the Smart Growth Partnership program. The program has been submitted to the Commissioners for review and approval.
- The Land Partnership Grant Funds will be used to help the CPC purchase additional land at Waggoners Gap 100 acres on county ground adjacent to a hawk watch on Perry County ground.
- North Newton Township is considering adopting a zoning ordinance in their municipality. They will partner with PSATS and hold a workshop on April 3rd for all township residents to attend.
- Becky Wisner is working with Dickinson Township to update their comprehensive plan.

E. Transportation

Jim Szymborski updated the Commission on the following projects and programs.

- The Exit 44 project had another 1 million added for a total of approximately 1.4 million to purchase a right-a-way off 465.
- The 15/581 project construction to start in March.
- St. Johns Church road study – open house was held.
- The 2007 HATS Annual Report is available.
- The Governor announced the budget on February 5th – 1,000 Pennsylvania bridges are to be reconstructed or restored by the end of 2010. The State bridge budget was increased from 1.1 billion to 1.6 billion.

F. Local Planning Assistance Agreements

Jeff indicated that 3 additional municipalities have submitted agreements for the LPA program. Chairman Jackie Eakin requested to accept additional municipalities on a motion by Chris Knarr, seconded by Ron Glesner. The vote was unanimous.

G. Communications

- Jeff stated that a notice has been sent for the next western county outreach meeting, Market Cross, Shippensburg 2-26 and the eastern outreach meeting, Camp Hill Borough, 3-11.
- Kirk informed the board that Scott Wyland has given a formal resignation to the county commissioners.

- Discussion was held regarding additional board members and an option for ex-officio officers be able to step in and vote when board members are not present.
- Ron Glesner informed the board that South Newton Township has rejoined the WCCOG.
- Chris Knarr discussed a concern with flood plain regulation maps that FEMA has a deadline for updates by the end of 2008. Commissioner Eichelberger would like the COG to send a report to all western municipalities outlining what the COG is about, benefits of members, cost savings, accomplishments.

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 7:30 a.m., at Business Central, Carlisle. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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