

## DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

### Minutes of the Meeting

July 10, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Dauphin County Planning Commission was held Monday, July 10, 2017 in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Dauphin County Veteran's Memorial Office Building, Harrisburg, PA. Chairman Bill Specht called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Those members present were: Mr. Chris Abruzzo, Ms. Mary Gaiski, Mr. John Kerschner, Mr. Gary Lenker, Mr. Fred Lighty (Commissioner Liaison) Mr. Bob Spandler, Mr. Bill Specht, and Mr. Dan Tunnell. Also present were Mr. Tim Reardon of the staff. Present as guests were Messrs. Charles Courtney and Mark DiSanto.

### MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Tunnell, the Commission approved 7-0, the minutes of the June 5, 2017 meeting.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Spandler, seconded by Ms. Gaiski, the Commission approved 7-0 to transfer to TCRPC the Subdivision and Sewage Module review fees in the amount of \$1,488.00 for June, 2017. The Treasurer's Reports in the form of Financial Statements for the month ending June 31, 2017 were accepted for filing and audit.

### REPORTS

- a. Report of Officers
- b. Communications & Staff Reports
- c. Program Progress Report: June, 2017 (see attached)

Mr. Reardon provided an overview of the major staff activities. Mr. Reardon indicated the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan was to be considered at the Commissioner's Public Gearing on July 12 at 10:00 AM. He encouraged the Commission members to attend, and thanked Commissioner Haste for his participation in the recent Freight Summit supporting the regional freight plan.

- d. LPA Report: May, 2017 (see attached)

Mr. Reardon provided a summary of staff activities, included with today's agenda, including many examples of how staff continue to provide local planning services to the Dauphin County municipalities.

- e. Committees

NEW BUSINESS

a. Subdivision/Land Development Matters

1. Review/Comment

On a motion by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Mr. Tunnell, the Commission voted 7-0, to ratify staff reviews of the ten (10) applications.

b. Zoning Amendments

1. Lower Swatara Township – Repeal/Replace Wireless Communications Facilities

On a motion by Mr. Tunnell, seconded by Mr. Abruzzo, the Commission recommended approval, by a 7-0 vote, of the proposed ordinance change.

2. South Hanover Township – Dog Kennels Definition and Use Requirements

On a motion by Mr. Abruzzo, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommended approval of the proposed ordinance change.

3. South Hanover Township – Accessory Building Height

On a motion by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Mr. Spandler, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommended approval of the proposed ordinance change.

4. South Hanover Township – Allowance of Agritourism as Conditional Use in R-A District

On a motion by Mr. Spandler, seconded by Mr. Abruzzo, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommended approval of the proposed ordinance change.

5. South Hanover Township – Construction Hours Regulations

On a motion by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Mr. Spandler, the Commission voted 6-1 to recommended changes to the proposed ordinance regarding Saturday morning hours and consideration of a township-wide noise ordinance. Ms. Gaiski voted no giving her reservations to limiting the ordinance to only construction activities.

6. South Hanover Township – Medical Marijuana Ordinance

On a motion by Ms. Gaiski, seconded by Mr. Tunnell, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommended approval of the proposed ordinance change.

7. Lower Paxton Township

On a motion by Mr. Lenker, seconded by Ms. Gaiski, the Commission voted 7-0 to recommended approval of the proposed ordinance change.

c. Intergovernmental Reviews

1. Harrisburg City – City Island Master Plan – DCED Municipal Assistance Program Grant Application

On a motion by Mr. Spandler, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, with Mr. Lenker abstaining, the Commission voted 6-0-1 to send a letter of consistency for the grant request.

2. Susquehanna Township – Comprehensive Plan

On a motion by Mr. Tunnell, seconded by Ms. Gaiski, the Commission voted 7-0 to send a letter of consistency for the grant request.

d. MPC Section 304 Notification Procedures - Municipality notification requirements to the County Planning Commission Prior to their action

Mr. Reardon reported he received a response from the county solicitor regarding a municipality's required notification to the County for review under the MPC Section 304 (Notification Procedures). The solicitor indicated he believed it to be an education issue and suggested the staff notify the municipalities of the requirement. A newsletter article was recently placed in the July issue and a follow-up memo would be sent to all municipalities regarding the requirements.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought before the Commission

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Specht declared the meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2017** in the Dauphin County Veteran's Memorial Office Building's Second Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

*Josh First*

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Secretary