PERRY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting                      March 20, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Perry County Planning Commission (PCPC) was held on
Wednesday, March 20, 201 in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room of the Veteran’s Memorial
Building, New Bloomfield, PA. Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. ROLL CALL

   Members present were Chairman Jim Turner, Tom Graupensperger, Cathy Gilbert, Danny
   Kirk and Dave Rice. Steve Deck and Jason Finnerty were present representing the staff.

2. MINUTES

   Chairman Turner asked the members if they had read through the January 16, 2019
   monthly meeting minutes and if they had any edits they would like to offer. None of the
   members offered any edits.

   Mr. Kirk motioned to approve the minutes without edit. Ms. Gilbert seconded the motion,
   and the motion passed unanimously.

3. GOOD AND WELFARE

   Mr. Steven Howe and Mr. Nathan Walker were present to discuss PennDOTs latest
   information on the implementation of the Riverlands Safety Study. Penn Township
   Supervisor Jesse Boyer, III was in attendance to hear what the PennDOT representatives
   had to offer with their update.

   Mr. Donald Bartch and Mr. Wayne Lesher were in attendance for the open PCPC member
   seat once held by Mr. Tom Fridirici.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND PAYMENTS OF EXPENSE

   A. Communications

      Chairman Turner asked the commission members if there were any communications
      from the monthly communications list needing to be discussed, or if staff had any items
      to bring to the PCPC’s attention. He then asked about the major modification to the
      Sunoco pipeline. Mr. Finnerty read the content from the Act 14 notice pertaining to a
      redesign of work being conducted in the Horse Valley area. He then covered letters
      pertaining to two agricultural operations, pipeline work by Texas Eastern and
      notification of construction for a new Burger King in Howe Township.

   B. Payment of Expenses
Mr. Rice made a motion to approve the following expenses. Mr. Graupensperger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Check #1178..............................................................$1,305.00
Check #1179..............................................................$380.00

5. REPORTS

A. Treasurer’s Report

Ms. Gilbert motioned to accept the Treasurer’s Reports in the form of financial statements for the period of January 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019 for filing subject to audit. Mr. Kirk seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Staff Report

1. Local Planning Assistance (LPA) Report

Chairman Turner asked if any of the Commission members had any questions regarding the LPA report. None of the members requested any additional information from the report. Mr. Finnerty stated work with the Marysville Borough Planning Commission (MBPC) on their draft zoning ordinance continues. Staff also provided monthly outreach to the MBPC on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He also attended the last Spring Township Planning Commission (STPC) meeting to discuss the use of our staff time once the 2019 LPA agreement has been executed. The STPC is awaiting the Board of Supervisor’s response to the final draft zoning ordinance submitted at the end of 2018. Once they receive a response from their supervisors, they will let us know how our services may best be used this year.

A copy of the report is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

2. Program Progress Report

Mr. Deck provided information on HATS adoption of the revised Regional Transportation Plan.

The 22/322 rockfall project was mentioned as currently underway.

Regarding the Route 34 Park and Ride site selection process, Mr. Deck mentioned HATS and PennDOT are still awaiting a decision by the Historical Society of Perry County to determine whether the group will enter into negotiation with PennDOT for a park and ride project on the Dromgold’s Corner property.

A copy of the progress report is attached to the file copy of the minutes.
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **Perry County Comprehensive Plan Implementation**

   Staff continues to coordinate the efforts of two Comprehensive Plan implementation workgroups. The Economic Development Issues Workgroup met on February 7th. The Natural Resources and Recreation Issues Economic Development Issues Workgroup met on March 12, 2019. Both workgroups are currently meeting bi-monthly. The Economic Development Issues Workgroup will meet next month on April 4, 2019.

B. **County Hazard Mitigation Plan Implementation**

   Mr. Finnerty mentioned work continues on the County Hazard Mitigation Plan update project. All of the Steering Committee meetings have concluded as well as the open house sessions. Preparation work for website hosting has commenced and we are nearing the time to notify PEMA with the Final Draft Plan.

C. **2018 PCPC Annual Report**

   The PCPC annual report was completed and forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners prior to the PA MPC March 1st annual deadline.

D. **2019 Perry County Community E-Data Booklet**

   The Community E-Data Booklet has been completed and placed on the website for public access to facilitate municipal contact.

E. **2018 TCRPC Building Activity Report**

   Mr. Finnerty indicated all of the building permit data provided to the Perry County Assessment Office has been reviewed and information compiled for inclusion in the Regional Building Activity Report for the TCRPC.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Subdivision and Land Development Matters**

   1). Plans for Approval/Disapproval Consideration

      a) Subdivision File #19-017 - Melvin K. Fisher and Anna Fisher/ Southwest Madison Township

      Mr. Finnerty explained that prior to the meeting Mr. Palm had requested the Fisher Subdivision Plan be tabled.
Mr. Rice motioned to table the plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graupensperger and passed unanimously.

2). Review and Report

Chairman Turner asked the Commission members if there were any plans on the monthly review and report table they would like to view. None of the members requested to see any of the plans on the Monthly Review Report list.

Mr. Graupensperger motioned to ratify to staff reviews of all plans listed in the monthly review report table. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kirk and passed unanimously with Chairman Turner abstaining.

A copy of the Review and Report Table is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

3). Centre Township S&LDO

Mr. Finnerty stated a proposed revised S&LDO was received from Centre Township requesting the review of the entire revised ordinance. Because the ordinance was an extensive update, no ordinance summary was offered by the Township.

It was noted two other ordinances were provided alongside the proposed draft S&LDO for our review. They included a Floodplain Management Ordinance and a Stormwater Management Ordinance. It was mentioned the PA MPC does not presently prescribe a requirement for the County Planning Commission to perform a review of such stand-alone ordinances although the letter provided as a couple of thoughts on each.

A motion was made by Mr. Rice to authorize the Chairman to sign the prepared letter support of the new proposed S&LDO encouraging the Commissioner’s enactment of the new ordinance after considering each of the bulleted points listed in the letter. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gilbert and passed unanimously.

B. Other Matters

1) Riverlands Implementation (Steve Howe and Nathan Walker PennDOT)

Mr. Howell and Mr. Walker shared some background information on the Riverlands Safety Study implementation project. They mentioned they would be meeting with HATS sometime in April to review the options moving forward. They intend to hold meetings this fall with municipal officials.
There was substantial discussion focused on the implementation area in Reed Township, Dauphin County. Concern for left turn vehicle movement through the stretch of highway and the frequency of accidents.

Mr. Graupensperger asked about the crash history associated within the study corridor. Mr. Deck indicated that there have been a number of significant injury accidents and some fatalities in the section above the Clarks Ferry bridge, making this section of roadway of particular concern.

Mr. Boyer asked that intersection studies be conducted at the SR 0274 and US 11/15 interchange (particularly when the Duncannon Subway is closed) as well as the SR 0849 and 22/322 intersection. He also pointed out that a new development (Stone Mill Estates) is proposed relatively close to this intersection.

Mr. Kirk mentioned the failed water pump and the troubles of getting it corrected with the unresponsive nature of the Norfolk Southern railroad.

2) Spring Township LPA Agreement (Level 3)

Mr. Finnerty stated a LPA agreement was received by the office for Spring Township. The agreement was structured for Level 3 participation for 12 hours of service for the municipality and will most likely be applied to the zoning ordinance effort.

A motion was made by Mr. Graupensperger to authorize the Chairman and secretary to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kirk and passed unanimously. In the absence of the Secretary, staff was directed to apply the Secretary’s signature stamp to the LPA Agreement.

3) US Census Bureau - Boundary Annexation Survey (BAS) and Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP)

Staff has worked with the County GIS staff to complete both of these reviews for the county.

4) PCPC Board Vacancy

Mr. Bartch and Mr. Lesher both shared information on their background and interest levels for serving on the PCPC. During discussion Mr. Lesher indicated he would remove his name from consideration, since the county had another interested individual present. He indicated the position was not what he expected.

A motion was made Mr. Rice to recommend Mr. Bartch’s name to the County Board of Commissioners for filling the open seat was once held by Mr. Tom Fridirici. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kirk and passed unanimously.
5) Newport Borough Water Authority – USDA Financial Assistance (Installation of 1,000 remote read meters to replace existing meters)

Mr. Finnerty stated the office received an intergovernmental request for general consistency evaluations with respect to the county comprehensive plan as part of the submission requirements for project funding consideration.

A motion was made by Ms. Gilbert to authorize the chairman to sign the prepared letter supporting the eight separate funding requests. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graupensperger and passed unanimously.

6) Perry County Times February 28, 2019 Editorial Page Article

Mr. Finnerty expressed concern about a political endorsement article posted in the Perry County Times by County Commissioner Paul Rudy. The article indicated that the County Commissioners or the County has “…never had one Comprehensive Plan for the whole County.”

The PCPC decided not to respond to the statement, as Mr. Rudy has apologized to Mr. Finnerty for his statement.

7) State Ethics Commission – Statements of Financial Interest

Copies of the State Ethics Commission’s Statements of Financial Interest were distributed to the PCPC members. Chairman Turner asked each of the members to return the forms back to staff once completed.

8) Proposed Centre Township Floodplain Ordinance

This agenda item was covered with the Centre Township S&LDO in 7.A.3.

9) Proposed Centre Township Stormwater Management Ordinance

This agenda item was covered with the Centre Township S&LDO in 7.A.3.

10) Spring Township Leonard Sheaffer Dum Memorial Park - PA DCED Grant Application ($250,000)

The office received a second intergovernmental request for general consistency evaluations with respect to the county comprehensive plan as part of the submission requirements for project funding consideration. This particular request was for DCNR funding for the Leonard Sheaffer Dum Memorial Park property in Spring Township.

A motion was made by Mr. Rice to authorize the chairman to sign the prepared letter in support of the DCED grant application for $250,000 for use as matching
funds for the already secured PA DCNR grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Graupensperger and passed unanimously with Ms. Gilbert abstaining.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Turner adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM. The next meeting of the Perry County Planning Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner’s Hearing Room of the Perry County Veteran’s Memorial Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Shaffer, Sr.
Secretary