DAUPHIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

May 6, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Dauphin County Planning Commission was held Monday, May 6, 2019 in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Dauphin County Veteran’s Memorial Office Building, Harrisburg, PA. Chairman John Kerschner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were: Mr. Josh First, Ms. Mary Gaiski, Mr. John Kerschner, Mr. Fred Lighty, Mr. Keith Oellig, Mr. Robert Spandler, Mr. Bill Specht and Mr. Dan Tunnell. Also present were Mr. Steve Deck and Mr. Jerry Duke of the staff.

MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Ms. Gaiski, seconded by Mr. Spandler, the Commission approved 8-0 the minutes of the April 1, 2019 meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Specht, seconded by Ms. Gaiski, the Commission approved 8-0 to transfer to TCRPC the Subdivision and Sewage Module review fees in the amount of $2,328.45 for April, 2019. The Treasurer’s Reports in the form of Financial Statements for the month ending April 30, 2019 were accepted for filing and audit.

REPORTS

a. Report of Officers

b. Communications & Staff Reports

Mr. Deck presented information on the TCRPC luncheon held on May 2nd. At the luncheon, there were speakers from Lancaster and York Counties providing information regarding their approaches for regionalizing stormwater management efforts. There were approximately 125 persons in attendance and many municipalities were represented. He also summarized the April 25th public outreach meeting at the Appalachian Brewery on Cameron Street in which approximately 45 persons attended. The meeting was targeting the younger component of our population and was co-sponsored with the Burg magazine, Dauphin County Library and Harrisburg Young Professionals. Mr. Duke informed the Commission of receipt of a notice and supporting information for the PUC filing for the approval of acquisition by Pennsylvania American Water of the Steelton Borough Authority water system. No Commission action was required but the information would be available to the members if they would like to review the large amount of information. Mr. Deck also provided an update on staff’s work on Stormwater Management. Mr. Deck said a survey has been sent to Dauphin County municipalities to identify their water resource issues and determine municipalities’
interest in working together on water quality, stormwater management, flooding, etc. and the County’s potential role. Mr. Deck said the preliminary survey results were highlighted at the TCRPC luncheon. Further evaluation of the information will be conducted.

c. Program Progress Report: April, 2019 (attached)

d. LPA Report: April, 2019 (attached)

e. Committees
Mr. Duke said the staff continues to work with the Comprehensive Plan implementation partners on creating story maps highlighting the partner’s projects. The story maps will be used to showcase their work while also promoting the work toward the implementation of the Plan’s goals. He reported that there was a meeting on affordable housing issues on April 30th Linglestown Road Giant in Susquehanna Township. There were 15 persons in attendance and they were representing the Home Builders Association, City of Harrisburg, DC Housing Authority, DC Health and Human services, Greater Harrisburg Association of Realtors, Members First Credit Union, Tri County Community Action and Penn State Harrisburg. The next meeting of the group is anticipated to be in the Fall. The spring outreach meeting for local officials is scheduled for May 28th at Noon. It is also at the Linglestown Road, Giant Community Room. Mr. Duke also informed the Commission that he and Mr. Oellig on April 5th met with the Lancaster County Planning Commission staff to discuss Transfer of Development Rights for agricultural preservation. Mr. Duke is looking to schedule a meeting with officials from Warwick Township, Lancaster County to discuss their successful Transfer of Development Rights program to gain additional insight on how a program may be established in Dauphin County.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Subdivision/Land Development Matters

1. Reviews/ Comments

   On a motion by Mr. Specht, seconded by Mr. Spandler, with Mr. Tunnell abstaining from plan #19-035 the Commission voted 8-0, to ratify staff reviews of the six (6) applications

b. Sewer Modules

1. Susquehanna Township – Paxton Creek North Branch Interceptor Replacement

   On a motion by Mr. Specht, seconded by Ms. Gaiski, the Commission voted 8-0, to ratify staff comments on the submitted sewer module.

c. Comprehensive Plan
1. South Hanover Township Comprehensive Plan – Plan Revision to Previously Submitted Plan

On a motion by Mr. Tunnell, seconded by Mr. First, the Commission voted 8-0 to forward a letter indicating the proposed plan is consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan.

d. Intergovernmental Reviews

1. South Hanover Township Patriot Park Amphitheatre Improvements - CFA Greenways, Trails, and Rec Grant Application

2. Londonderry Township Conewago Creek Stream Restoration - Grant Application

3. Londonderry Township Sunset Park Pedestrian Path System, Phase 3 – Grant Application

4. Lower Paxton Township Asylum Run Stream Restoration project at Stonebridge Apartments - CFA Greenways, Trails, and Rec Grant Application

On a motion by Mr. Tunnell, seconded by Mr. Specht, the Commission voted 8-0 to forward a letters for each of the above listed applications indicating the projects are consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan and support their funding.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

a. Statement of Financial Interest Forms – Reminder

Mr. Deck reminded Commission Members to fill out their Financial Interest Forms if they have not already completed the forms. He thanked everyone for their cooperation on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for **4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019** in the Dauphin County Veteran’s Memorial Office Building's Second Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

_Josh First_

Josh First
Secretary