

MINUTES

MERCER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Tuesday – February 26, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. – MCRPC Offices

MUNICIPALITY	PRESENT	ABSENT
FARRELL CITY		Stephen Bennefield Kimberly Doss
HERMITAGE CITY	Jeremy Coxe James Holl	
SHARON CITY	Stephen Theiss	Frank Connelly
CLARK BOROUGH		James Carucci, Sr.
FREDONIA BOROUGH	Patricia McAdams	Bob Reagle
GREENVILLE BOROUGH		Janet Earle Paul Hamill
GROVE CITY BOROUGH		Shawn P. Myers
JACKSON CENTER BOROUGH		Robert Egger
JAMESTOWN BOROUGH		
MERCER BOROUGH		Caroline DaCosta
NEW LEBANON BOROUGH		
SANDY LAKE BOROUGH	Glenn Leech Donald Oakes	
SHARPSVILLE BOROUGH		Alex Kovach Guy Moderelli
STONEBORO BOROUGH	John Sweet	
WEST MIDDLESEX BOROUGH	Maleia James Robert Lark	
WHEATLAND BOROUGH	Ron Viglio	Patricia Lewis
COOLSPRING TOWNSHIP	Don Blakesley Robert L. McGhee	
DELAWARE TOWNSHIP	William E. Anthony	
E. LACKAWANNOCK TOWNSHIP		William Hackwelder
FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP		Mont Clark
FINDLEY TOWNSHIP	John B. Courtney	Steve Paxton
GREENE TOWNSHIP		Ken Cowher Paul Csonka
HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP	Lisa Holm	Todd Hittle
JACKSON TOWNSHIP		Robert W. Pizor
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP	Garth Falkner	William Dunn
LAKE TOWNSHIP		
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP		Dave Beatty Ron Faull
NEW VERNON TOWNSHIP		Daniel L. Patterson
OTTER CREEK TOWNSHIP	Carl Swartz Paulette Young	
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<u>PERRY TOWNSHIP</u>		
PINE TOWNSHIP	Fred Brenner Richard Stachel	
PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP	David Gregory Gary R. Lowers	
SANDY LAKE TOWNSHIP		Raymond Scofield
SHENANGO TOWNSHIP	Dennis DeSilvey Matthew Stefanak	
S. PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP	Bill Klumph Don Morrow	
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP		Rick Dillaman
WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP	Bryan Cummings	Diana Caiazza
WOLF CREEK TOWNSHIP	Charles Weber	Gregory Chiappini
MERCER COUNTY	Sheryl Kelly Larry McAdams	Jeff Fiedler James L. Hogan Jeff Hoy James Hughes Patty McCluskey
<u>BOROUGH ASSOCIATION</u>		
<u>SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION</u>		
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	Matt McConnell	

STAFF

Daniel Gracenin, Executive Director
Carmen Reichard, Assistant Director
Brian Barnhizer, Senior Planner
Chris Conti, Senior Planner
Matt Stewart, Senior Planner
Lisa Holm, Senior Planner

OTHERS PRESENT

James Nevant II, Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dennis DeSilvey, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Carl Swartz, Vice-Chairman, led the Commission in the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE SIGN IN

An attendance sign-in sheet was passed around and representatives present were asked to mark their attendance. **A quorum was present.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL TO 2018 CHAIRMAN JEREMY COXE

On behalf of the MCRPC, Mr. Dennis DeSilvey, 2019 Chairman, presented the gavel to Jeremy Coxe, 2018 Chairman and thanked him for the great job he did last year. Mr. Coxe said it was a pleasure working with everyone and thanked the MCRPC staff and Commission representatives.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2019 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Klumph and seconded by Mr. Stachel to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting with no additions, corrections or deletions. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mr. Robert Lark, Treasurer, presented the January 2019 Financial Statement. A motion was made by Mr. Falkner and seconded by Ms. Young to approve the January 2019 Financial Statement as presented. The motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Holm, Senior Planner, mentioned 2 training courses put together by PATH (PA Training Hub), which will be held at the Hampton Inn in Grove City by the outlet mall. The first training course is for Zoning Officers on March 20, 2019 and the second training course is for Zoning Hearing Boards on April 30, 2019. There is a \$50.00 registration fee for each course, which will benefit the municipality and its citizens and property owners. PATH training courses are designed to enhance the municipal official's ability to govern effectively and stay current on new laws and legislative requirements. Ms. Holm stated that she has registration forms for the upcoming courses and encourages new and current zoning officers or zoning hearing board members to attend.

Mr. Stewart, Senior Planner, explained 3 transportation studies. The first is for a Traffic Signal Inventory and Improvement Study for Mercer County. Proposals were due yesterday and 5 proposals were received. He stated that he will evaluate them in the next few weeks looking for recommendations for low and moderate cost improvements to the 102 signalized intersections in Mercer County. The second is for 2 safety corridor studies that PennDOT, District 1 will be working on: Route 58, from Greenville to Mercer; and Route 62, from Hermitage to Mercer. PennDOT will be looking at intersection and roadway geometry improvements that could possibly be future TIP projects. Both of these corridor areas have high crash clusters. The third is a list that PennDOT, District 1, put together of all of the projects they expect to construct in Mercer County in 2019.

Mr. Gracenin, Executive Director, mentioned that it is very important to get a quorum at our meetings due to Zoning & Subdivision items that are very important and time sensitive, even if there is a light agenda. He noted that if the Commission meeting lacks a quorum, then the vote that the Zoning & Subdivision Committee takes is the vote that stands. He noted that the Commission most likely will have a March and April meeting due to upcoming zoning items and he will ask Jerry Zona to speak at next month's meeting to talk about recycling.

Mr. Lark from West Middlesex Borough mentioned at last month's meeting that the Borough received a Green Light Go Grant in 2017. The grant was for \$42,600 and the Borough put in a \$10,000 match. Bids were opened at their Council meeting in February and only 1 bid came in for \$58,000. The Borough did not accept the bid due to only receiving 1 bid and wanted to check with their solicitor, their engineer and

PennDOT first. The Borough received the okay to accept the bid, which will be awarded in March at their Council meeting.

ZONING & SUBDIVISION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Larry McAdams, Committee Chairman, noted that the Committee met last week, a quorum was present, and reviewed the following items:

1. Final Subdivision Plan – Buckingham Manor – Phase 2 – Sandy Lake Township – Mr. McAdams stated Andy Gildersleeve, property owner, is completing the major subdivision of 3 building lots and 1 non-building lot with required storm water and a private street. The public sewer infrastructure has been extended since this plan had preliminary approval back in May 2017. The developer has provided a letter of credit to cover 110% of the approved costs to complete construction of the street and storm water facility. A motion was made by Mr. McAdams to approve the final plans for Buckingham Manor with the letter of credit for infrastructure construction as accepted by Sandy Lake Township. Mr. Anthony seconded. The motion passed.

2. Pymatuning Township Zoning Ordinance – Text Amendments – Mr. McAdams explained that the proposed amendments adjust and clarify setbacks throughout the Township. The Township would add provisions for existing structures and remove secondary setbacks for corner lots. The Township would remove building permit references due to being replaced by building codes. Also, the Committee discussed items that needed clarification and those have been revised since the Committee meeting. A motion was made by Mr. McAdams to approve the Pymatuning Township Zoning Ordinance updates as revised. Mr. Anthony seconded. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner McConnell gave a few updates around the County. He noted that the State awarded the County \$2 million for local bridges. This \$2 million is being funded differently, instead of putting a tax on every vehicle or trailer in Mercer County. Next, the County is also considering that if Tri-County Landfill goes through, then they will probably assess a County tipping fee. Also, the Route 19 project is still underway and the County still does not have a sales agreement. He found out that the developer prepared a labor study which indicated that we have enough people within a 40 mile radius looking for jobs in this area.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business or discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Falkner and seconded by Mr. Theiss to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted and Certified By:

Gary Lowers, Secretary – MCRPC

Date: _____