

PIKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, January 23, 2023

Minutes

The January 23, 2023 Pike County Planning Commission meeting was held in the Pike County Planning Office Conference Room and via Zoom/Conference Call.

Present: Kevin Stroyan, MaryAnn Conza(Zoom), Keith Raser(Zoom), Frank Tarquinio(Zoom), and David Zeiler (Zoom). Fred Suljic excused.

Staff: Planning staff present: Mike Mrozinski, and Jessica Yoder(Zoom).

Other: None

CALL TO ORDER – The Meeting was called to order at 3:02pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS – none

ACTION ON MINUTES: December 12, 2022 – **Motion** made by Frank Tarquinio, seconded by MaryAnn Conza. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

Planning Commission 2023 Reorganization

Board member reappointments: Michael reported that the Pike County Board of Commissioners reappointed the following members for a 4-year term: Dennis Brink, Charles Burnett, Kevin Stroyan, and Thomas Greiner.

Report from Nominating Committee: MaryAnn Conza reported that the nominating recommends the following slate of officers for 2023 – Keith Raser, Chairman, and Fred Suljic, Vice-Chair.

Motion made by MaryAnn Conza for Keith Raser, Chairman, and Fred Suljic, Vice-Chair, seconded by Frank Tarquinio. No other nominations received. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

MONTHLY PLANNING REPORT

Correspondence/Meetings/Seminars/Workshops/Items of Interest – List circulated on the back of the Agenda. Mike announced that three grants for central sewage expansion and central water expansion at the Blooming Grove Campus are set to expire on June 30. County is working to complete those grants or seek an extension. Mike updated on the opening of the DCNR C2P2 Grants for 2023. These funds can be used for park and rec improvements. Deadline is April 5, 2023.

Financial Report: \$ 400.00 in income from December 9, 2022 through January 19, 2023.

Plan Review Report: there were 11 Plan Reviews from September 23 through October 20, 2022. They consisted of 8 Lot Consolidations/Lot Improvements; 1 Land Use Certification; 1 Minor Subdivision, and 1 Zoning Ordinance Amendment as listed on the back of the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Shawnee Walker 69kV Transmission Line – Michael updated on the status of the project and the meeting held on January 18th in Delaware Township. The First Energy representative was unable to answer most technical questions and we are awaiting a response to the questions provided at the session.

Bushkill Gateway Planning Study – Minimal new information is available on this project. This Lehman Township grant-funded project is a high priority focused on a new town center, parking, and trail access at the bridge. The current main concern is the adequacy of the existing bridge and possibility of a new bridge that can accommodate pedestrian access to complete the McDade trail connection.

NEW BUSINESS - none

PROJECTS & UPDATES

Preservation Programs

Agricultural Land Preservation (ALP) – Jessica updated on the certification – Clean & Green roll-back taxes - \$8,613 for the purchase of Ag Conservation Easements.

Scenic Rural Character Preservation (SRCP) – Jessica reported that the Board is looking to update the bylaws for mission and goals to address the limited remaining funds.

Grant Programs

Pike Comprehensive Plan Update – Mike updated on the status of the 5 focus group meetings that will be held on February 8th and 9th at the Pike County Training Center. The next stage will be a public survey.

Pike County Open Space Plan Update – Scope of work was drafted and under review by DCNR. There will be the formation of a Planning Committee and an RFP to get a consultant on-board to complete the project.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – PDM Grant – Complete including all adoptions and final reimbursement was received.

Kintz Creek High Hazard Dam – Additional funding may be needed to accomplish this project. A \$500,000 grant will be sought to supplement the Pa DEP funding listed. Ongoing coordination with the Wyooska Club is needed.

Pike County Tick Borne Disease Task Force Initiatives – Dog tick Phase II study is underway.

Pike County Road Task Force – The Long-Range Transportation Plan and a Regional Freight Plan is currently underway. Projects will be sought from municipal officials in a future phase of the project. US6 from Rt434 to Rt739 is planned for 2023. Keith updated that Cummins Hill Road will be repaved in May-June. Kevin inquired about the Freight Study and how it impacts Pike. Mike updated that they are assessing current traffic generators for adequacy and impacts.

Solid Waste/Recycling Update – The yearly request to municipalities and haulers for recycling totals will be sent soon. County reps will discuss the Bennett Avenue project with Milford Borough on February 13th.

PLAN & ORDINANCE REVIEWS

Delaware Twp Zoning Ordinance Amendment – This amendment deals with grammatical concerns regarding stormwater maintenance facilities. No comments from the board.

MISCELLANEOUS – Frank requested assistance on the Borough's earmark funding for their Stormwater project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by MaryAnn Conza to adjourn, seconded by Frank Tarquinio. All in favor. **Motion passed.**