

**PIKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Monday, March 27, 2023**  
*Minutes*

The March 27, 2023 Pike County Planning Commission meeting was held in the Pike County Planning Office Conference Room and via Zoom/Conference Call.

**Present:** Mary Ann Conza, Keith Raser, Kevin Stroyan, Fred Suljic(Zoom), Frank Tarquinio, David Zeiler(phone) and Commissioner Ron Schmalzle.

**Staff:** Planning staff present: Mike Mrozinski, Jessica Yoder, and Brian Snyder.

**CALL TO ORDER** – The Meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS** – none

**ACTION ON MINUTES: February 27, 2023** – **Motion** made by Mary Ann Conza, seconded by Fred Suljic. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

**MONTHLY PLANNING REPORT**

**Correspondence/Meetings/Seminars/Workshops/Items of Interest** – List circulated on the back of the Agenda. Mike stated that a support letter was submitted to Milford Borough for Central Sewage funding. A support letter was also sent to the Pennsylvania Rt6 Alliance for a Façade Improvement Grant that will benefit Pike & Wayne County if awarded. First Energy will hold an open house March 28 from 6-8pm at the Delaware Twp Building. PMVB is seeking volunteers for a Pickup the Poconos Event to be held on April 22. PHMC Records Care grants are available to preserve documents or study and plan for preservation. East Stroudsburg University is to develop an Affordable Housing Study for the Poconos. PennDOT is seeking responses on a survey of their winter services as well as taking comments on the 12-year plan. Links provided.

**Financial Report:** \$ 548.00 in income from February 25 through March 23, 2023.

**Plan Review Report:** there were 6 Plan Reviews from February 25 through March 23, 2023. They consisted of 2 Lot Consolidations/Lot Improvements; 2 Land Developments; 1 Minor Subdivision; and 1 Zoning Ordinance Amendment as listed on the back of the agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Shawnee Walker 69kV Transmission Line** – Michael discussed that little information has been received but a session will be held March 28. Ron clarified that opposition and alternatives are being sought by Dingman and Delaware Townships. Interest was expressed regarding the previous route. Jessica described the concern over preserved lands and the conflicts that would occur in violation of the land agreements.

**Planning Office relocation** – Michael updated that work is progressing in the Mapping Office to accommodate the move. The move is still on schedule to occur in late April.

**NEW BUSINESS** - none

**PROJECTS & UPDATES**

**Preservation Programs**

**Agricultural Land Preservation (ALP)** – Jessica discussed the mailer that was sent to Ag Security landowners. The mailer describes opportunities available to them. February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline passed with no new applicants.

**Scenic Rural Character Preservation (SRCP)** – Jessica reported that with limited remaining funding, the Board is looking to progress with the Santos Park and will provide educational opportunities on the SRCP program.

### **Grant Programs**

**Pike Comprehensive Plan Update** – Mike updated that the survey is being finalized and discussion is underway to provide as much PR as possible via social networking and TV/Radio/Newspaper, etc. The survey is anticipated to run from April 5 until May 31.

**Pike County Open Space Plan Update** – Jessica mentioned that individuals have been identified for study committee consideration. Once the Commissioners appoint the Committee, the RFP will go through final review before release for consultant proposals.

**Kintz Creek High Hazard Dam** – Mike reported that a meeting will be held between Pike County and Wynooska Club – scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Pike County Tick Borne Disease Task Force Initiatives** – Brian reported that the Art Contest is open until April 5th. Prizes and a presentation to the winners will occur at the Commissioners meeting. Dog tick study is progressing, and results are anticipated this summer.

**Pike County Road Task Force** – Brian discussed the Tech Assist that he submitted for Rt739/Weiss/PMWF. Mike mentioned that PennDOT requires a HOP for the community entrance before any improvements can be done.

**Solid Waste/Recycling Update** – Mike reported that the 2022 recycling numbers are being finalized. Two new haulers have been reluctant to provide recycling numbers. Enforcement action will be discussed if they do not provide the required documentation prior to the deadline. Reimbursement for salary staff time is expected in the coming weeks.

### **PLAN & ORDINANCE REVIEWS**

**Beverage & Tobacco Land Development – Blooming Grove** - Brian stated that the proposal entails razing the existing structure to construct a new building with additional commercial space. Concerns entail a non-conforming lot, an existing flooding/stormwater issue, light intrusion to neighboring residential, and lack of septic design.

**OM Sai Corp of Pa Land Development- Westfall Township** – Brian described the proposal located near the Westfall Firehouse. Quarter acre lot so it is non-conforming. The proposal is to raze the existing structures and construct a drive through smoke shop. Lot coverage, parking, buffers, and numerous other concerns were identified.

**Dingman Twp Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Small Scale Solar Collectors** – Brian explained that Dingman is seeking to allow ground mount solar panels.

Kevin inquired if LVL submitted plans to County Planning for review. No Land Development plans have been received to date.

**MISCELLANEOUS** – None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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