

**PIKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 25, 2023**

The September 25, 2023 Pike County Planning Commission meeting was held in the Pike County Administration Building, Commissioners Meeting Room and via Zoom/Conference Call.

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

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: August 28, 2023** – **Motion** made by Mary Ann Conza, seconded by Frank Tarquinio. All in favor. **Motion passed.**

**MONTHLY PLANNING REPORT**

**Correspondence/Meetings/Seminars/Workshops/Items of Interest** – List was circulated on the back of the Agenda. Mike discussed the Letter of Conformance sent for the Milford Borough Ann Street Park LSA grant application; announced the upcoming Township Officials Convention to be held October 6 at the Best Western in Westfall; reminded that Monroe LSA and Statewide grants are available; Jessica announced that September is PA Trails Month and added that Pike Outdoors Facebook was updated with 8 trail networks highlighted; Jess described the PA Game Commission Forestry Day for Landowners event and the Spotted Lanternfly Pike County initiative starting next month; Mike announced the Course in Zoning upcoming in October and the PPA Conference in October as well. The conference will be held in our region at the Hilton in Scranton from the 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. Dirt and gravel road funding is still available, please contact PCCD if interested. NPS will postpone paving of US209 until 2024 and Brian updated that they will skip the middle section and pave the northern portion first.

**Financial Report:** \$ 210.00 in income from August 25 through September 21, 2023.

**Plan Review Report:** there were 8 Plan Reviews from August 25 through September 21, 2023. They consisted of 7 Lot Consolidations/Lot Improvements and 1 Emergency Operations Plan as listed on the back of the agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Shawnee Walker 69kV Transmission Line** – Again, Michael had no updates from the project sponsors and asked for updates from the board. No new information was available. We will continue to monitor this pending project.

**PCCD Board Nominations** – This item was added to the previous month’s agenda and a decision was tabled to this meeting. **Motion** was made by Keith Raser to nominate John Milliken for another term. MaryAnn seconded. **Motion passed.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Pathways to Removing Obstacles – HUD Housing Grant** – Micheal updated the Board on the draft application that, if successful, would provide planning and implementation funding to address housing issues in Pike, Wayne, and Monroe counties.

## **PROJECTS & UPDATES**

### **Preservation Programs**

**Agricultural Land Preservation (ALP)** – Jessica updated on letters sent to Pike’s 2 preserved farms for upcoming inspections.

**Scenic Rural Character Preservation (SRCP)** – Jessica stated that the planning projects are progressing and that the Board was tasked with addressing the access issues into the County’s Santos Park. This is needed prior to implementation of the Master Site Plan for the Park.

### **Grant Programs**

**Pike Comprehensive Plan Update** – Mike updated that with the completion of the Community Collaboration Meetings, the report of the findings are under development. The draft plan is still projected to be available for public review in the Spring.

**Pike County Open Space Plan Update** – Jessica informed the Commission that the Commissioners signed the contract with HRG Consulting for the plan development. The first meeting will be held in the near future to start this plan update project.

**Kintz Creek High Hazard Dam** – Mike updated that the new access site was approved and additional testing is underway. Once finalized, the County can complete the agreement with the club for site restoration.

**Pike County Tick Borne Disease Task Force** – Brian mentioned the Senior Expo and the Task force presence at the event. It was a highly successful event with much interest. The task force continues with public outreach efforts.

**Pike County Road Task Force** – Mike stated that the NPS attended the last meeting to update the board on their projects and to provide an updated timeline on their upcoming efforts.

**Solid Waste/Recycling Update** – Mike provided another update on the status of Bennett Avenue project with the main building renovations and once complete, the recycling stage in the rear portion of the property will begin. Mike mentioned that a vendor is seeking a site in Pike County to develop a solid waste/recycling transfer facility.

## **PLAN & ORDINANCE REVIEWS**

**Lehman Township Emergency Operations Plan** – Brian described the plan how it identifies that any event held in the township would require and EOP submitted 30 days prior to the event.

**MISCELLANEOUS** – Frank inquired about the timeline for the PennDOT Sawkill Bridge status. Mike stated that the Spring let date was still valid but it gives a one-year window for the contractor to begin work. The RTF requested that PennDOT make a public announcement for the press to inform residents and visitors of solid dates and potential impacts for this major impact project. Keith inquired about the County’s Springbrook Road bridge. Brian stated that engineering is still underway.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn made by MaryAnn Conza, seconded by Fred Suljic. All in favor. **Motion passed.**