

MINUTES
MIFFLIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
April 28, 2022
MIFFLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – MEETING ROOM B

ATTENDANCE

Members

Thomas Lake, Chair
Michele Bair
Dan Dunmire
Dave Pennebaker
Kay Semler
Neal Shawver
Kent Spicher, Secretary
Cyle Vogt

Other

Marisa Denker, Founder/President
- Connect the Dots
Rob Postal – Commissioner

Staff

Mark Colussy, Director
Candace Rager, Secretary

Call to Order

Thomas Lake called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Record of Public Attendance

Candace Rager recorded public attendance, the meeting was held in Meeting Room B.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Thomas Lake requested a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting. A motion was made by Kay Semler to accept the minutes. Dan Dunmire seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

Connect the Dots Presentation, Q & A

Mark explained how he became familiar with Connect the Dots and the service they provide in helping counties develop a Comprehensive Action Plan. Mark introduced Marissa Denker, Founder/President, and she gave a presentation for Connect the Dots (CTD). Marissa explained CTD solely focuses on community outreach and engagement. They take a holistic view of the opportunities and challenges unique to each situation, focusing on developing an engagement process that is inclusive, equitable and designed to custom fit stakeholders and the public. CDT will help to construct a scalable and impactful engagement process and lay groundwork for a variety of planning projects and align concurrent engagement efforts. The building blocks begin with stakeholder interviewing, staff training, workshop, pre-project planning, citizen's planning committee, and an ambassador program. A significant benefit of partnering with CDT is that once the infrastructure is developed it will have the ability to be used for a variety of projects into the future. The committee had the opportunity for discussion and questions. Commissioner Postal remarked about being able to see previous results and 'how to' from other CTD projects and emphasized the importance of commitment to the process. Marissa states that there are recognizable disconnects and believes that CTD processes can help correct those and have a very successful outcome.

Kay Semler ask about the development of a county wide action plan (CAP) and Mark gave the members a synopsis of how it is developed and its impact on the counties projects and plans.

State Ethics Commission Statement of Financial Interests

Mark reminded the planning members of the deadline for the statement of financial interests form.

Subdivision and Land Development Review Committee Report

Four (4) plans were submitted to the committee for review. All plans are under Municipal Ordinance with two (2) being minor subdivisions and two (2) lot additions. The plans are for Edgewood Estates, Inc. (Brown Township), MGH Group PA, LLC & PEZ, LLC (Union Township), Korie & Annie Yoder (Menno Township), Schmidt 2019 Family Trust (Brown Township).

Municipal Subdivision Plan

Mark discussed the Edgewood Estates, Inc. plan highlighting potential future plans for this property. The purpose of this plan is to create 6 new single-family residential lots along Airport Road from the land of Edgewood Estates, Inc., Mifflin County Tax Parcel 14, 01-0104. These 6 lots are Phase 1 of future development. Some of the concerns Mark stated are the contour lines, steep slopes, stormwater runoff, NPDS permit, and wetland running through the property.

Dan Dunmire offered a motion to accept the comments for the plans. Dave Pennebaker seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Public Comment

Thomas Lake acknowledged there were no public comments to add.

Project Updates

- North Wayne Streetscape project currently out to bid
- West Wayne Township Sewer Project (CDBG-C) is currently wrapping up
- Granville Township – new sewer line to Hawstone is being considered to deal with Act 537 issues w/ E. coli in water, CDBG-CV competitive funds being applied for
- Park Projects being worked on with CDBG-CV entitlement funds, designs being wrapped-up
- Waiting on permitting for River Trail Phase II project (“Mifflin Moves!” connection)
- Bridge inspection and prioritization project funded by PennDOT Special Planning dollars was awarded
- MOU w/ Dauphin, Perry, Mifflin & Juniata Counties on the countywide action plan implementation grant (2 projects being funded in Mifflin County: Strodes Run and Wakefield Run)
- Working with CAP Coordinator (HRG) to work on easements for tail extensions
- Hazard mitigation grant should be approved though PEMA soon
- Annual dinner preparation and annual report printed
- Reedsville Streetscape project being wrapped-up with final streetlights being installed and inspected with some minor punch-list items to finish

Other Business

No additional business was presented.

Adjournment

Tom Lake adjourned the meeting at 5:05pm.