

**MINUTES**  
**MIFFLIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 26, 2022**  
**MIFFLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – MEETING ROOM A**

**ATTENDANCE**

Members

Dan Dunmire, Vice Chair  
Dan Firth  
Dave Pennebaker  
Michele Bair  
Neal Shawver  
Robert Nulton

Other

Rhonda Kelley, Executive Director of the  
Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Rob Postal, Commissioner

Staff

Mark Colussy, Director  
Candace Rager, Secretary

**Resignation and Nomination**

Mark Colussy acknowledged that no officers were present at the meeting and that he would have to re-organize for this meeting due to Vice Chairman Cyle Vogt's resignation. Mark called for a nomination and Michele Bair nominated Dan Dunmire. Dave Pennebaker seconded the nomination and asked to close nominations. All voted in favor. Dan accepted the nomination for Vice Chair. Mark then requested Dan to chair the meeting in the absence of Chairman Lake.

**Call to Order**

Dan Dunmire called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. He reminded everyone to sign the record of attendance.

**Record of Public Attendance**

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

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Dan Dunmire requested a motion to approve the minutes for the April meeting. A motion was made by Neal Shawver to accept the revised minutes. Michele Bair seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

**Chamber of Commerce Update Presentation**

Rhonda Kelley, Executive Director, gave an update of the activities of the Juniata Valley Chamber of Commerce. She described the various activities and events from 2021. They included hiring a new administrative coordinator, accepting 38 new members, award & leadership celebrations, FAM tours (visiting members & potential members), fireworks display, cemetery restoration project, ribbon cuttings for new businesses, entrepreneurial meet-ups, bi-weekly column in the Sentinel, Free Wheeling event for 4<sup>th</sup> graders, women's leadership symposium, and town halls. Rhonda is very enthusiastic about the Chamber's future development and has a full line up of activities for the rest of the year already scheduled. Rhonda responded to Commissioner Postal's question as to why the Chamber encompasses

two counties by saying it has to do mostly with the services that are provided and working together makes a strong connection for the residents and they can do more together. Director Colussy asked for Director Kelley to give an update on how businesses are doing now compared to how they did during Covid. Kelley responded that the businesses that pivoted the most to respond to the situation are all doing well now. A lot of businesses were given grace during that time for dues, and the Chamber lost very few businesses during the whole pandemic. Mifflin County in general handled the pandemic well.

### **Subdivision and Land Development Review Committee Report**

Eight (8) plans were submitted to the committee for review. All plans are under Municipal Ordinance with six (6) being minor subdivisions and two (2) lot additions. The plans are for Michael Dillard (Armagh Township), J. Smith & Son Builders, LLC (Granville Township), Aquilla & Naomi Yoder (Union Township), Samuel & Barbara Yoder (Brown Township), Park H. Jr. & Claudia Meyers (Menno Township), Larry & Judith Goss (Derry Township), Preston & Jennifer Yoder (Union Township), Michael Parson (Decatur Township).

### **Municipal Subdivision Plan**

Mark presented the details of two plans. The first was the Samuel & Barbara Yoder (Brown Township) plan. This plan proposes to create Lot 10 for existing agricultural use. Lot 10 had previously been approved as a Lot Addition to Lot 8 per Subdivision Plan recorded in Instrument #2022-264. No new development is being proposed by this plan. There is no sewage planning or agricultural exemption. The surveyor submitted a revised plan after the review plan had been finalized. This revision will change the plan from a simple one lot subdivision to a lot addition and a subdivision plan. Mark will request the revision be submitted as a standalone plan and make a reference to the original plan date to avoid any confusion.

Mark then reviewed the plan for J. Smith & Son Builders, LLC (Granville Township). The purpose of this plan is to create five residential lots along the east side of Jenkins Lane from the property of J. Smith & Son Builders, LLC, Mifflin County Tax Parcel 17, 29-0305A. There was discussion about how the properties were to be laid out and the amount of land disturbance that will take place. There are no significant concerns with this property, otherwise.

Dan Dunmire requested a motion to accept the comments on all eight plans. Michele Bair offered a motion to accept the plans. Dave Pennebaker seconded the motion. All voted aye.

### **Public Comment**

Dan Dunmire acknowledged there were no public comments to add.

### **Project Updates**

Revisions are being made to CDBG grant contracts and monies are being moving around to meet the need of changing budgets. The West Wayne project ended up going over budget, for example, but has now concluded and the costs are known.

The Active Transportation Plan (ATP) work is ongoing. The planning office is currently seeking input from the community. A drawing will be held for a \$50 gift certificate donated by Two Brothers bicycle shop. The Certificate will be given to a random individual who makes a comment regarding the interactive map on the Mifflin Moves webpage before June 17<sup>th</sup>. The steering committee meeting is next week and they will be working to finalize the five key project areas. An additional piece is continuing to look at Phase III of the river

trail and how to acquire grant funds for its completion. Also, the county engineer is suggesting the bid package be released in the winter and potentially start the project in the spring of next year.

**Other Business**

Neal gave kudos to Mark, the staff, and all involved for the success of the Annual Dinner Meeting. The other members gave their thanks as well.

**Adjournment**

Dan Dunmire took a motion from Dave Pennebaker to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 pm.