

MINUTES
MIFFLIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
September 22, 2022
MIFFLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

ATTENDANCE

Members

Thomas Lake, Chairman
Dan Dunmire, Vice Chairman
Kent Spicher, Secretary
Dave Pennebaker
Kay Semler
Neal Shawver
William Campbell
Dan Firth

Other

Mark Schultz, PennDOT Transportation Planning
Manager
Eric Murnyack, PennDOT P.E. Portfolio Manager
Gus Mel

Staff

Mark Colussy, Planning Director
Candace Rager, Planning Secretary

Call to Order

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

Record of Public Attendance

Secretary Rager recorded public attendance and recognizes there is a quorum present. The meeting was held in Meeting Room B.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Lake requested a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Spicher to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded. All members voted aye.

PennDOT Project Update

Director Colussy gave a brief introduction of the PennDOT representatives, Mark Schultz, Transportation Planning Manager and Eric Murnyack, P.E. Portfolio Manager. They each gave a brief introduction of their work history and experience. They presented a Power Point presentation (included with the minutes) giving details and describing PennDOT projects projected through 2026. There was also discussion about the State College Area Connector Project which is mostly outside the Mifflin County project area but will definitely have an impact on the county.

The following County Projects were discussed, including the estimated project costs and let date:

Carryover Contract Work:

SR 0022-721 (McVeytown to Strodes Mills)
SR 1005-720 (Lewistown Borough)
SR 3002-ST7 (Lewistown Borough)
SR 3-17-PNT (Wayne Township)

Remaining 2022 Projects to Let:

SR0022-A13 (Wayne Township)

SR2001-A04 (Derry Township)

2023 and Beyond Projects:

SR 522-723 (Derry Township)

SR 1012-A02 (Armagh Township)

Group 2-23-ST7 (Maintenance Group Project)

SR 0022-CHV (Derry Township)

SR 0022-HFS (Lewistown Borough)

SR 0022-A15 (Wayne Township)

SR –22-A18 (Wayne Township)

SR 4009-A01 (Menno Township)

SR 0022-C05 (Derry Township)

T-439 (Brown Township)

SR 0522-A04 (Decatur Township)

SR 2004-A04 (Derry Township)

SR 2008-A02 (Decatur Township)

Future Major Projects:

State College Area Connector Project

After the presentation, Mr. Murnyack offered to the Commission that if there are any follow-up questions they can be directed to Mr. Colussy and sent to him or to reach out to our local maintenance office for any specific local concerns.

Subdivision and Land Development Review Committee Report

There were ten (10) plans submitted to the committee for review. Eight (8) plans under Municipal Ordinance and Two (2) plans under County Ordinance. Four (4) Minor Subdivisions, Four (4) Lot Additions, One (1) Non-Residential Land Development, One (1) Minor Subdivision/Lot Addition. The plans are for Swarey Subdivision (Union Township), Joseph & Kelsey Short (Derry Township), Middleswarth Associates (Derry Township), Judy Peace & David Bonson (Granville Township), J. Robert & Mary Ann Lyter (Union Township), Ephraim & Franey Yoder (Armagh Township), Mark Randall & Sandra French (Bratton Township), Edward Hommel, Jr.(Oliver Township), William & Diane Rittenhouse (Bratton Township), Brittney St. Claire-Rose (Granville Township).

Municipal Subdivision Plans

Director Colussy discussed the Randall French plan. This plan proposes to change the use of Lot A to include a single-family residence to be served by on-lot sewage disposal and private well. The only thing outstanding is a DEP sewage plan. This will require a conditional approval based on making sure that the sewage planning is in place.

The Rittenhouse plan was also discussed. This plan proposes to create Lot 2 for a single-family residence to be served by on-lot sewage and private well. The residual tract, Lot 1, has an existing residence with no new development proposed. This is a minor subdivision plan and was revised. There

are no significant concerns, but would need conditional approval based on making sure the sewage planning is in place.

The Middlesworth lot addition plan was mentioned. This plan purpose is to combine tax map parcel 16-29-402 (0.4408 acres) and tax map parcel 16-29-0400 (0.2204 acres) into revised tax map parcel 16-29-402 equaling 0.6612 acres. This is a lot consolidation and includes demolition of a building and sheds. The plan is for surface parking only, with no expansion of the building is proposed. There are no major concerns for this plan.

Vice Chairman Dunmire offered a motion to conditionally approve the two plans under County ordinances. The motion was seconded. All voted aye. Dunmire offered a motion to approve the comments on the eight plans under municipal ordinances as provided. The motion was seconded. All voted aye.

Public Comment

Chairman Lake acknowledged there was a member of the public and they had no comments to add.

Project Updates

Michele Brummer, AICP, Senior Planner, Gannett Fleming is to come and present at October meeting on the Active Transportation Plan (ATP). They have identified six different focus areas, made significant progress, and have an update meeting next Tuesday. The entire Active Transportation Committee will be invited to next month's MCPC meeting to hear the presentation. There will be a series of municipal workshops prior to the meeting to receive feedback. They will be held in Oliver Township, Union Township, and Derry Township. Director Colussy made a presentation to the Community Health Needs Assessment Committee at Geisinger about the plan in order to get further collaboration for opportunities in the county with the ATP.

There were several CDBG contracts monitored by the state. It went well and anticipate no findings to be reported.

The commissioners will be announcing the ARPA awards next Thursday.

Colussy recently went through budget discussions, anticipating the commissioners to fund hiring a consultant to work on the Comprehensive Plan for next year. Colussy will be exploring available grants for consultant work to be funded.

The planning office is waiting to hear about the CV awards for the second round, not certain if the Hawstone Water Project will be approved to collaborate with the sewer project.

Other Business

No additional business was presented.

Adjournment

Chairman Lake adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm.

Minutes Approved

Secretary Signature

Date