

MINUTES
Cambria County Planning Commission
June 18, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Cambria County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at 12 noon, at Kosta's Restaurant, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Mr. Belz.

PRESENT

David L. Belz
Toni Renee Anderson
Tim Whited
Eric Wolf
Ronald Rovansek
William Trevorrow

ABSENT

James White
Lonnie Batdorf
Russell Kiel

STAFF

Ethan C. Imhoff
Christopher D. Allison
Shanna M. Murphy
Colleen A. Bukowski

GUESTS

Randy Griffith,
Johnstown Tribune Democrat

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were presented at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Mr. Whited, the minutes of the May 21, 2015 CCPC meeting were approved as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Imhoff read the Treasurer's Report, noting that the expenses listed were usual salary, taxes, and operating expenditures. He did, however, note that the Commission is in the process of updating a computer and printer and the anticipated cost for both purchases is approximately \$700. Mr. Rovansek made a motion that the June Treasurer's Report, the bills listed for payment and costs for the computer/printer upgrades, as well as salaries and standard expenditures incurred prior to the next scheduled CCPC meeting in August, be approved for payment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolf and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Imhoff noted that there was no correspondence to be read at this meeting.

STATUS REPORTS

Executive Director

Updating the members on the natural gas power plant being proposed in Jackson Township, Mr. Imhoff reported that Competitive Power Ventures has submitted plans for a conditional use permit to the Township. He explained that if the Township approves the conditional use permit, subdivision and land development approval will also be necessary. Mr. Imhoff noted that the Commission will be given the opportunity to review and comment on the subdivision/land development submission.

Mr. Imhoff stated that, at the request of the County Commissioners, he attended the Showcase for Commerce. He noted that the 2016 event will attempt to attract industries involved with Marcellus Shale drilling.

Providing a brief update on the West Hills Regional Comprehensive Plan initiative, Mr. Imhoff informed the members that Westmont, Southmont, and Ferndale Boroughs, and Upper Yoder Township have officially committed to participate in this endeavor. He indicated that he will be attending a Lower Yoder Township Supervisors meeting to encourage their participation in the plan. Mr. Imhoff noted that Brownstown Borough is not interested in participating in the plan. Mr. Imhoff explained that he will assist the municipalities in the preparation of a grant application which will fund 50% of the plan cost, which is estimated to be approximately \$60,000.

Mr. Imhoff noted that a recent water symposium hosted by the County Commissioners featured Matt Royer, Director of the Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center. Mr. Royer's presentation focused on best management practices for residential stormwater management.

Transportation Planning

Reporting on the continuing update of the Long Range Transportation Plan, Mr. Allison stated that due to technical difficulties encountered with the interactive website developed by the consultant to garner public input, top priority has been placed on re-establishing the site. He noted that suggestions presented at the May outreach sessions, as well as input received through upcoming stakeholder interviews, will be included in the final update. Mr. Allison explained that in order to meet federal requirements, the current LRTP must be extended through June, 2016. To facilitate this extension process and final approval by the MPO, CCPC staff prepared and distributed LRTP documents for viewing, scheduled a public hearing, and placed an advertisement in the Tribune Democrat.

Mr. Allison stated that staff from the Planning Commission, EADS Group, and Keller Engineers met with the County Commissioner and the Chief Clerk to discuss the status of County-owned bridges. He explained that information regarding the condition of the bridges, maintenance and repair recommendations, and planning for future maintenance was presented at the meeting.

Briefing those present on the coordination of interchange lighting repairs, Mr. Allison stated that repair of the U.S. 219/Carrolltown interchange pole is expected to be bid in the near future. He indicated that

the repairs to three other light poles will be combined as one project and will be bid at a later date.

Community Development Planning

Ms. Murphy stated that to comply with federal Title VI guidelines, an update to the MPO's Limited English Proficiency Plan was needed. Therefore, Commission staff utilized Census demographic data to identify the limited English proficient (LEP) populations in the County and developed measures to ensure that LEP individuals have access to services and programs offered by the MPO.

Ms. Murphy reported that she continues to update the Commission's website with information related to the Route 219 Corridor Plan and the Long Range Transportation Plan. She noted that a flyer she designed for an upcoming LTAP course on Warm Mix Asphalt has also been posted on the website and Facebook.

Ms. Murphy provided a brief overview of the various application and project reviews completed by the staff during the past month. She also indicated that she had recently attended a course on Subdivision and Land Development Review sponsored by the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Belz indicated that the only agenda item under "Old Business" (Jackson Township Conditional Use Application for Competitive Power Ventures) had been previously discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no "New Business" to discuss, Mr. Rovanseck made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whited and passed unanimously.