

MINUTES
Cambria County Planning Commission

September 21, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Cambria County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 12 noon, at Kosta's Restaurant, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

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

PRESENT

Ronald M. Rovansek
Eric Wolf
Lonnie Batdorf
Toni Renee Anderson
Russell Kiel
Diane Waksmunski
Rev. Sylvia King
James White

ABSENT

David L. Belz

STAFF

Ethan C. Imhoff
Christopher D. Allison
Shanna Sosko
Colleen A. Bukowski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Batdorf, seconded by Mr. Kiel, the minutes of the August 16, 2017 CCPC meeting were approved. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The September Financial Statement was read by Mr. Imhoff and reviewed by those present. Ms. Waksmunski made a motion that the September Treasurer's Report, including expenses listed for payment, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. White and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Imhoff apprised those present of the following two upcoming events:

- PA DOT Open House and Plans Display--October 3, 2017;
Carrolltown Borough - Open house event to inform the public of the Route 219 Roadway Improvement Project being proposed in Carrolltown Borough and East Carroll Township.

Mr. Imhoff explained that the project, which will include resurfacing, drainage improvements, traffic calming measures, sidewalk and crosswalk improvements, on-street parking enhancements, and the realignment of one curve at the intersection with Brick Road, is a result of the Route 219 Corridor Study completed by the Planning Commission in 2015.

- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - October 24, 2017; Jackson Township
 - Competitive Power Ventures natural gas fired combined cycle electric generating facility

STATUS REPORTS

Mr. Imhoff noted that all staff reports detailing activities undertaken during the past month were provided to Commission members prior to this meeting. He requested that any specific questions on these reports be addressed to the appropriate staff member. There were no questions on the reports raised at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

A brief discussion was held regarding comments received from Toby Fauver, PA DOT Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation, regarding passenger rail service along the Pennsylvania line between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. It was noted that although there is strong local support for increased passenger rail service, this initiative is not a priority of Norfolk Southern, PennDOT, or Governor Wolf.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Imhoff stated that every Commission member will be provided with a copy of proposed amendments to the current CCPC By-Laws. He requested that proposed amendments be reviewed prior to the October CCPC meeting where discussion and formal adoption of such will be considered.

Reporting on the County Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan, Mr. Imhoff stated that a comprehensive listing and GIS mapping of existing trails within Cambria County has been completed. In addition, based on steering committee suggestions, a compilation of proposed locations and types of new and expanded bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure has been developed. At this time, Ms. Sosko facilitated a powerpoint presentation which illustrated GIS mapping of the existing bicycle/pedestrian trails in the County, delineation of pedestrian crash locations, and a listing of needed/desired new and expanded infrastructure projects.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Rovanseck, seconded by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.