

MINUTES
Cambria County Planning Commission

October 18, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the CCPC was held on Thursday, October 18, 2018, 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
Russell Kiel
David L. Belz
James White
Lonnie Batdorf

ABSENT

Toni-Renee Anderson
Diane Waksmunski
Rev. Sylvia King

STAFF

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wolf made a motion that the minutes of the September 20, 2018 CCPC minutes be approved with the following correction: Motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2018 CCPC meeting was made by Mr. White. Mr. Wolf's motion to approve the September minutes was seconded by Mr. Kiel and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Imhoff read the October Financial Statement, noting that annual insurance stipends for full-time staff members are scheduled to be paid on October 30, 2018. After a review of the Financial Statement by those present, Mr. Belz made a motion that the October Treasurer's Report, including expenses listed for payment, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. White and passed unanimously.

Noting that copies of the CCPC 2017-18 Audit had been distributed to all Commission members, Mr. Imhoff entertained questions/comments on the audit report. There being no comments on the report, Mr. Kiel made a motion that the 2017-18 CCPC Audit, as prepared by Barnes, Saly and Company, be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolf and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

STATUS REPORTS

In lieu of monthly staff reports, Ms. Sosko facilitated a presentation and discussion on the subdivision/land development review process in Cambria County. Ms. Sosko's presentation included the definitions of a subdivision and a land development, outlined the statutes of the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code (MPC) with regard to county review of subdivisions/land developments; and provided information and trends on the CCPC's review of plans and subdivisions in municipalities with an adopted subdivision ordinance. Ms. Sosko stated that 26 of Cambria County's 63 municipalities currently have subdivision/land development ordinances. Noting that a countywide SALDO is an action item in the recently completed Alleghenies Ahead/Cambria County Comprehensive Plan, Ms. Sosko explained that she and Mr. Imhoff had recently met with the County Commissioners to discuss their interest in pursuing this initiative.

Upon completion of Ms. Sosko's presentation, a discussion ensued regarding the MPC, the purpose and necessity of county review, and county review fees. Also discussed was the development of a county-wide Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). Ms. Sosko stressed that a countywide SALDO would pertain only to those municipalities that do not currently have their own ordinance. In response to several questions, Mr. Imhoff clarified that if a countywide SALDO is adopted by the County Commissioners, every municipality would have the option to either adopt the ordinance as written, adjust the ordinance to pertain specifically to their municipality, or craft their own ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rovansek recognized the staff for receiving the PA Chapter of the American Planning Association's comprehensive planning award. Mr. Imhoff stated that staff accepted at PA APA annual conference earlier this month in Erie. All Commission members commended and congratulated the staff for this honor and for their efforts in the preparation and adoption of the Cambria County/Alleghenies Ahead Comprehensive Plan.

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Belz, seconded by Mr. Wolf. The motion passed unanimously.