

MINUTES
Cambria County Planning Commission

January 17, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the CCPC was held on Thursday, January 17, 2019, 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
Rev. Sylvia King
Diane Waksmunski
James White
Russell Kiel
Debra Orner

ABSENT

Toni-Renee Anderson
Lonnie Batdorf

STAFF

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

At this time, Mr. Imhoff introduced Debra Orner. He commented that Ms. Orner was appointed by the County Commissioners to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Belz's request not to be reappointed for another term.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. White made a motion that the current slate of officers be retained for 2019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Waksmunski and passed unanimously. The 2019 slate of officers for the Cambria County Planning Commission is as follows: Chair - Ronald Rovansek; Vice-Chair - Eric Wolf; Secretary - Lonnie Batdorf; Treasurer - Russell Kiel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Wolf, seconded by Rev. King, the minutes of the December 20, 2018 CCPC meeting were approved. The motion passed unanimously.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDTABLE

Members and staff shared activities happening in their respective communities, i.e., economic development, recreation improvement, infrastructure upgrades, and community outreach.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The January Financial Statement was presented by the Executive Director. There being no questions or comments on the report, Mr. White made a motion that the Treasurer's Report, including expenses listed for payment, be approved. The motion was seconded by Rev. King and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Imhoff stated that the Commission had received a copy of correspondence from Thomas Prestash, PennDOT District 9-0 Executive, addressed to Susquehanna Township. In addition to providing the correspondence and attached location map to those present, Mr. Imhoff explained that PennDOT has scheduled replacement of a bridge carrying State Route 4016 (Municipal Road) over Burns Run. Mr. Imhoff explained that PennDOT is seeking input as to the necessity of a Public Officials Meeting and a Public Plans Display with regard to this project, which is scheduled for the 2020 construction season.

STATUS REPORTS

Mr. Imhoff stated that due to the Public Hearing for the Cambria County Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan which was held at 11:30 a.m., just prior to the CCPC meeting, no oral presentation of monthly staff reports would be provided.

NEW BUSINESS

At this time, Mr. Imhoff noted that the Public Hearing for the Bike/Ped Plan was facilitated by Ms. Kinka through a powerpoint presentation of the document. He stated that the meeting was attended by CCPC members and staff; representatives of the Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority and PennDOT District 9-0; and members of the plan steering committee and cycling enthusiasts. Mr. Imhoff commented that the plan was generally well received and comments provided by those in attendance at the meeting will be considered before final document printing.

Ms. Kinka distributed a printed copy of the Cambria County Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan for review by those present. She also indicated that an on-line version of the document, which includes hyper-links and larger mapping, is available on the Planning Commission's website, www.cambriaplanning.org. There being no further questions or discussion on the document, Mr. Wolf made a motion that the Cambria County Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. White and passed unanimously. Mr. Wolf commended CCPC staff, particularly Ms. Kinka as project manager and Ms. Sosko for GIS mapping preparation, for in-house preparation of the document.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Imhoff noted that hosting and domain name upgrades will be made to the Commission's website to eliminate unwanted advertising.

There being no further business to discuss, there was a general consensus that the meeting be adjourned.