

MINUTES
Cambria County Planning Commission
April 18, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the CCPC was held on Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 12 noon, at Kosta's Restaurant, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Mr. Wolf.

PRESENT

Eric Wolf
Toni-Renee Anderson
Lonnie Batdorf
Russell Kiel
Debra Orner

ABSENT

Ronald M. Rovanseck
Rev. Sylvia King
Diane Waksmunski
James White

STAFF

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Batdorf made a motion that the minutes of the March 21, 2019 CCPC meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kiel and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The April Financial Statement was read by Mr. Imhoff and reviewed by those present. There being no questions on the report, Mr. Batdorf made a motion that the Treasurer's Report, including expenses listed for payment, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kiel and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was read at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Imhoff stated that, as discussed at the March CCPC meeting, he prepared an updated Act 247 Fee Schedule which was provided to each board member prior to today's meeting. Briefly recapping the discussion held at the March meeting, Mr. Imhoff reviewed the proposed updated fee schedule and the addition of a fee schedule for public records copies. He explained that the updated fees reflect an approximate 10% increase from the current subdivision/land development/zoning and SALDO amendment review fees (approved in 2014). He further explained that fees for public records requests were based on the standard copy fees provided on the Open Records website. At Mr. Kiel's suggestion, Mr. Imhoff stated that he will check to insure that the proposed open records fees are also compatible with those charged by the County. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Batdorf made a motion that the

proposed fee schedule be approved as presented and the schedule be reviewed by the board every three years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kiel and passed unanimously.

STATUS REPORTS

Executive Director

Mr. Imhoff presented the Level of Service (LOS) Cycling Map for Cambria County prepared by H.F. Lenz Company. He commented that the map will be an asset in promoting recreational opportunities within the county and will provide on-road cyclists with a guide to routes that are appropriate for their ability. It was noted that Commission staff coordinated feedback from local bicycle enthusiasts and the bike/ped plan steering committee with regard to grade and elevation changes along the routes identified on the map. Mr. Imhoff explained that the LOS map is a part of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan completed by Commission staff and recently approved by the Cambria County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Mr. Imhoff stated that the first three episodes of the Alleghenies Ahead podcast will soon be available for listening. Information on accessing the podcast will be presented on the CCPC and Alleghenies Ahead websites.

A discussion regarding the County GIS website and its application to individuals and local municipalities ensued. Mr. Imhoff commented that he will coordinate a presentation by County GIS staff at a future CCPC meeting which would highlight the capabilities of the system and provide user-friendly guidance for accessing the information available on the website.

Transportation

Commenting on discussions held at the April 17, 2019 Cambria County MPO meeting, Mr. Allison stated that PennDOT staff has agreed to investigate funding sources for installation of trailhead signage for several off-road trails throughout the County. Mr. Allison stated that another topic of discussion at the MPO meeting was the McNally Bridge in Somerset County and the search for a funding source for the purchase/installation of fence coating which has proven to be an effective suicide prevention mechanism.

Mr. Allison reported that he and Mr. Imhoff recently met with representatives of the Hastings Area Industrial Development Association (HAIDA), the County Commissioners, PennDOT, JARI, and the SAPDC to discuss funding options for development/construction of an access road between PA 36 and the HAIDA Industrial Park. He stated that because the project is not eligible for traditional transportation funds, the possibility of using multi-modal transportation program funds and liquid fuel funds is being considered.

Senior Planner

Ms. Kinka reported that she reviewed and provided input regarding the City of Johnstown's new Encroachment Ordinance. She explained that the ordinance provides guidance on how business/property owners may utilize the sidewalks that front their property. Ms. Kinka noted that the ordinance includes permissions for installation of bicycle racks and bicycle parking facilities.

Community Development

Ms. Sosko reported that in addition to on-going review of subdivision and land development plans and website maintenance, she assisted the County Conservation and Recreation Authority with mapping that will enhance their grant application for funds to install trailhead signage along state roadways.

Ms. Sosko stated that the CCPC has taken ownership of the Alleghenies Ahead website. Noting that the Alleghenies Ahead podcast is housed on this site, Ms. Sosko stated that updates relative to the six-county comprehensive plan will also be posted to this site.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wolf stated that there was no "New Business" to discuss at this meeting.

Mr. Batdorf made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Anderson and passed unanimously.