

MINUTES
Cambria County Planning Commission
May 15, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the CCPC was held on Thursday, May 15, 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
Toni-Renee Anderson
Lonnie Batdorf
Diane Waksmunski
Russell Kiel
James White
Debra Orner

ABSENT

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 this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Batdorf, seconded by Mr. Wolf, the minutes of the April 18, 2019 CCPC meeting were approved. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

GOOD NEWS ROUNDTABLE

Several members and staff shared positive happenings and events being undertaken in the County. Topics of note included funding approval from the PA DCED for the Johnstown Housing Strategy; Small Town Hope, Inc./ Austin's Treehouse Project in Northern Cambria; Johnstown Clean-up Day; Primani Bros. Eatery in Richland; Wayfinding signage for Rails-to-Rails Trailheads; and final printing of Connecting Cambria Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, including the Level of Service Cycling Map. At this time, Mr. Imhoff distributed several copies of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan, noting that the plan has been posted to the Planning Commission's website. Mr. Wolf commended the Commission staff for a job well done on the preparation of this Plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was read at this meeting.

STATUS REPORTS

In lieu of staff reports at this meeting, a presentation and discussion was held regarding the Commission's podcast. Mr. Imhoff stated that three episodes of the Alleghenies Ahead podcast are now available for viewing by the public. At this point in the meeting, Ms. Sosko presented a clip of the second episode which was recorded at the Mount Aloysius Outdoor Expo and focused on the region's recreational assets and priorities as identified in the comprehensive plan. During this taping, Mr. Imhoff and Mr. Mike Cook discussed the Johnstown Inclined Plane Trails project. Ms. Sosko encouraged those present to view the three videos as well as the upcoming tapings which will be released on a monthly basis. She informed the members that in addition to being posted on the Alleghenies Ahead website, the podcast is also accessible via YouTube, Anchor, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Breaker, Overcast, Pocket Casts, RadioPublic, and Stitcher. Mr. Imhoff noted that the next episode will be designed to highlight recreation/economic growth throughout the region, specifically proposed projects in Williamsburg. He explained that several economic development initiatives are being considered in this Blair County community to capitalize on the borough's proximity to the Lower Trail, a rail-trail which follows the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River.

Mr. Allison indicated that a ground-breaking ceremony for the replacement of County Bridge #7 in Clearfield Township is scheduled for May 27, 2019. Known as the Chest Creek Bridge, this structure is located south of Patton Borough along Gooderham Road. With regard to County bridge inspection activities, Mr. Allison stated that he continues to coordinate the re-selection of a County bridge engineer. He explained that to facilitate this process, a review committee is being formed to review consultant qualifications and designate a bridge engineer for the next four years. Mr. Batdorf agreed to serve on this committee as a representative of the CCPC board.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Rovanseck made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kiel and passed unanimously.