

MINUTES  
Cambria County Planning Commission  
December 15, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Cambria County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, December 15, 2021, at 12 noon, at Kosta's Restaurant, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Wolf called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Eric Wolf  
James White  
Diane Waksmunski  
Lonnie Batdorf  
Ron Rovansek  
Debra Orner  
Danea Koss

ABSENT

Russ Kiel  
Rev. Sylvia King

STAFF

Ethan C. Imhoff  
Christopher D. Allison  
Katie Kinka  
Shanna Sosko

GUESTS

Commissioner Thomas Chernisky  
Commissioner Scott Hunt

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Rovansek. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Imhoff read the December Financial Statement, noting revenue and expenditures for the past month. There being no questions or comments on the report, Mr. Batdorf made a motion that the December Treasurer's Report, including expenses listed for payment, be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Waksmunski and passed unanimously.

Mr. Imhoff presented and reviewed the draft 2022 budget. After a brief discussion, Mr. Batdorf made a motion to adopt the 2022 CCPC budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Waksmunski and unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Wolf stated that there was no correspondence to discuss at this meeting.

## STATUS REPORTS

### Executive Director

Mr. Imhoff discussed the positive impacts that will be forthcoming as a result of the City of Johnstown RAISE grant approval. He noted that the formal event announcing the \$25 million federal transportation funding was well attended, with congratulations and comments provided by Senator Bob Casey, PennDOT Secretary Yasmin Gramian, Mayor Frank Jankovic, Vision Together 2025 Board Chair Bill Polacek, and Greater Johnstown Regional Partnership Chairman Mark Pasquerilla. Mr. Imhoff reiterated that the partnership and spirit of cooperation experienced in developing the application has resulted in a very noteworthy accomplishment and he is hopeful that this level of cooperation among public, private, non-profit, and governmental entities will continue as leaders and residents move forward to promote, improve, and invest in Johnstown and Cambria County.

Mr. Imhoff reported that he and Community Development Planner, Shanna Sosko, recently met with representatives of Competitive Power Ventures regarding an expansion of the Maple Hill Solar Farm in Portage/Summerhill Townships. He explained that the original project, now under construction, is 100 megawatts and the proposed addition will add 50 megawatts of capacity. Mr. Imhoff also noted that permitting for the project will take place during 2022 with the commencement of construction scheduled for late 2022 or early 2023.

### Transportation Planning

Providing an update on current transportation activities, Mr. Allison briefly discussed HPMS work activities, noting that twenty-one roadway sample sections were selected and field-viewed. He stated that two sections required changes which were submitted to PennDOT central office HPMS staff. The Transportation Planner also reported that development of the 2022-24 Unified Planning Work Program, which provides transportation funding to the CCPC from the Federal Highway Administration, has been completed and submitted to PennDOT and FHWA for review and comment.

With regard to the William Penn Avenue Corridor project, Mr. Allison stated that, pursuant to comments and concerns garnered at a Steering Committee meeting held in November, staff will begin formulating a draft of the plan. He noted that he anticipates that a draft document will be completed within the first quarter of 2022.

Apprising the members of the Red Mill Bridge emergency removal situation, Mr. Allison reported that Wrought Iron Bridge Works was awarded the contract to remove the structure. He stated that removal work has been initiated and activities in support of the Section 106 historic preservation process continue.

### Community Development

Ms. Sosko discussed several subdivision/land development plans recently submitted to the Commission for review and comment. She stated that Jackson Township Supervisors submitted a subdivision plan for a 60-acre lot to be used as a KOEZ site in the Township's Laurel Ridge Business Park. Ms. Sosko also apprised the members of pending Dollar General plans in Gallitzin, Stonycreek, and Washington Townships.

Ms. Sosko stated that she participated in an on-line focus group discussion hosted by the Conemaugh Health System about accessibility to the outdoors for people with disabilities. Noting that the participants included adults with disabilities, advocates, and community leaders, Ms. Sosko stated that discussions provided an opportunity for staff to learn how to better include accessibility in future bike/ped planning and asset mapping.

Ms. Sosko reported that in an effort to generate interest and to encourage participation in updating the Portage Regional Comprehensive Plan, CCPC staff met with Portage and Cassandra Borough elected officials to discuss the project.

#### Senior Planning

Ms. Kinka stated that in addition to participation in telephone conversations with stakeholders invested in executing the pilot housing project, she also facilitated a meeting with City and County project stakeholders to discuss available public funding to support the project. She explained that topics of discussion focused on specific eligibility requirements of existing public monies and the specific build out plans of the pilot project, including potential dollars invested per new unit.

Ms. Kinka reported that she continues to coordinate and encourage municipal participation in development of the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. She stated that the Local Planning Team members have discussed the compilation results of the risk factor assessment tool, the pre-release of the community preparedness survey, and the goals and objectives of the 2016 plan for revision and incorporation into the current update. She stated that a key point discussed by the planning team members is the need to identify/develop a clearinghouse location for all hazard mitigation information.

With no "Old Business" or "New Business" on the agenda, Mr. Wolf adjourned the meeting.