

MINUTES  
Cambria County Planning Commission  
January 19, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Cambria County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 12 noon, at Kosta's Restaurant, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

Eric Wolf, Chair, called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Eric Wolf  
Debra Orner  
Melissa Komar  
Diane Waksmunski  
Danea Koss  
Lisa Mays  
Mark Bucci

ABSENT

Russ Kiel  
Ron Rovanseck

STAFF

Christopher Allison  
Colleen A. Bukowski  
Katherine Kinka  
Shanna Sosko  
Jacob Zerby

GUESTS

Commissioner Thomas Chernisky

At this time, Mr. Allison welcomed and introduced Mark Bucci who was appointed to the CCPC for a four-year term, beginning January 1, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Wolf adjourned the meeting for a brief Executive Session to discuss reorganization. The regular meeting was reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

REORGANIZATION

Mr. Wolf stated that, as discussed and agreed upon during the Executive Session, election of officers for 2023 will be tabled until the February meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Koss, seconded by Ms. Mays, the minutes of the December 22, 2022 meeting were approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The January Financial Statement was read by Mr. Allison and reviewed by those present. With no questions or comments on the report, Ms. Mays made a motion that the Treasurer's Report, including expenses listed for payment, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bucci and passed unanimously.

## STATUS REPORTS

Mr. Allison stated that in lieu of January status reports, staff members would provide comments and updates on the projects initiated in 2022 and project goals for 2023. Mr. Allison commented that each staff member developed realistic completion dates for new and ongoing project listings. The Executive Director then reviewed the status of several completed and anticipated administrative initiatives. Mr. Allison also apprised the members of upcoming transportation projects, in particular the 2025 TIP Update and the 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Noting ongoing coordination of the County Bridge Program, Mr. Allison reported that the historical review process on the Red Mill Bridge replacement project has been completed, with construction bid letting anticipated by March 31, 2023.

Upon reconvening, Ms. Kinka provided completion dates for the following projects: William Penn Avenue Corridor Study - January 31, 2023; CFA Grant Project (Market Rate Housing - Penn Highlands Building) - April 1, 2023; and Bicycle Rack Installation in downtown Johnstown - May 1, 2023. She noted that Planning Commission staff has been contacted to participate in a discussion with representatives of Upper Yoder and Lower Yoder Townships and Westmont Borough regarding potential collaborative efforts in developing a comprehensive plan for these three municipalities. Ms. Kinka stated that staff can offer technical assistance in developing and submitting a funding application should the municipalities move forward on this initiative.

Ms. Sosko provided a brief update on development and website posting of Subdivision and Development Plan Review Guidelines and Resubmittal Policy Updates. She noted that the subdivision/planning module submission process has been posted to the Commission's website and should prove helpful to individuals intending to subdivide and develop property in Cambria County. The Community Development Planner also noted that the trail asset map will be updated by the end of February and an update to the Public Participation Plan is scheduled to be completed by mid-summer.

At this time, Ms. Kinka presented a power-point presentation on the draft William Penn Avenue Corridor Study. The presentation focused on the history of plan preparation, public input, goals and actions, implementation partners, and realistic funding sources. Ms. Kinka explained that a public meeting will be held to present the plan to residents, community members, City officials, and other interested parties. Ms. Komar commented that implementation funding for suggested beautification projects, i.e, greenspace areas, may be available through the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies. Explaining that CFA previously received private donor contributions to demolish specific blighted housing in the Prospect neighborhood and unexpended funds remain with CFA, Ms. Komar suggested that Commission staff contact CFA to ascertain what type of project would qualify for these unexpended funds.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Chernisky requested that a status report on the Red Mill Bridge be provided at every Commission meeting until the project is completed. He also apprised staff and members of the Inaugural Aerium Summit to be held May 30 - June 1, 2023 at the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport. Commissioner Chernisky explained that the summit will provide an opportunity for collaboration and networking among aviation industry leaders, students, and educators.

There being no further business, Mr. Wolf adjourned the meeting.