

PIKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, October 25, 2021

Minutes

The October 25, 2021 meeting was held in the Pike County Planning Office Conference Room and via Zoom/Conference Call.

Present: Mary Ann Conza, Keith Raser, Fred Suljic, and Frank Tarquinio

ZOOM: Dave Zieler, Charles Burnett and Commissioner Schmalzle.

Staff: Planning staff members present were: Mike Mrozinski, Jessica Yoder (ZOOM) and Brian Snyder.

Public: None

CALL TO ORDER - The Pike County Planning Commission was called to order at 3:02pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS – none

ACTION ON MINUTES: August 23, 2021

Fred Suljic proposed an edit to differentiate members in attendance and zoom.

MOTION: Motion to approve the August 23, 2021 Minutes with Fred's update was made by Charles Burnett and seconded by Frank Tarquinio.

VOTE: All in favor. Motion approved.

MONTHLY PLANNING REPORT

Correspondence/Meetings/Seminars/Workshops/Items of Interest – List circulated on the back of the Agenda. Mike updated on the following: The PennDOT 4-4 Building Ribbon Cutting. New facility in Blooming Grove. Upper Delaware/Lackawaxen Grant Workshop; Spotted Lanternfly posters available; Tick signs for parks available.

Financial Report: \$720 in income from August 20 through October 20, 2021.

Plan Review Report: there were 12 Plan Reviews from August 20 through October 20, 2021. They consisted of 6 Lot Consolidations, 3 Minor Subdivision, 1 Zoning Ordinance Amendment, and 2 Land Use Certifications as listed on the back of the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Loss of ALS Services – Keith Raser updated that municipalities appreciate the County assistance. Shohola purchased an ambulance. Service should go live on January 1. Frank updated that Milford Borough and Township are working together on their services.

Eastern Pike Sewage – Draft Act 537 Plan - Mike Mrozinski – DEP still has the plan under review. Timeline for their review lapsed. There is urgency due to the availability of funding.

Milford Borough Traffic Study – Frank stated that the plan is under review and consultant will present to the Chamber of Commerce. Brian said stakeholders will be identified for interviews in the Spring.

American Recovery Plan - Municipal Updates – Frank stated Milford Borough will study stormwater.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee – MaryAnn and Fred were appointed as the nominating committee for 2022 Pike County Planning Commission officers.

PROJECTS & UPDATES

Preservation Programs - Jessica provided an update.

Agricultural Land Preservation (ALP) – Updating the program manual for a recertification. Two monitoring visits will be scheduled in December.

Scenic Rural Character Preservation (SRCP) – The program is nearing the end of funding. One active project and three project applications anticipated by the end of the year. Other funding programs are being sought to accomplish the needs.

Grant Programs

Pike Comprehensive Plan Update – Mike updated that the funding needs entailed a grant submitted for PA Municipal Assistance Program and the Scenic Rural Character Preservation Program to assist in funding the plan update. A request for County ARP funding and a budget request was also submitted. An RFP and scope of work is completed.

Marcellus Mini Grant - Jessica stated that there are two current open projects. There will not be a 2022 funding round as the available funding is being reassessed.

Lackawaxen Trail Feasibility Study – Jessica stated that baseline data gathering is still underway by the consultant. A review of routes and concerns is being taken on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

Pike County Open Space Plan Update – DCNR C2P2 Grant - Jessica updated that we are waiting for a funding announcement from DCNR. Scope of work development is underway.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – PDM Grant – Brian updated that a Risk Assessment meeting is scheduled.

Kintz Creek High Hazard Dam - Mike stated that there is ongoing discussion with the landowner, Wynooska Club to determine the needed compensation.

Pike County Tick Borne Disease Task Force Initiatives – Brian updated that the Park signs are available and that the Task Force continues to meet monthly.

Pike County Road Task Force – Brian mentioned that there was a recent LTAP training class. Several others are under development. Keith updated that PennDOT will hire on-demand drivers this year.

Solid Waste/Recycling Update – Mike updated that there is a grant application submitted for development of the PennDOT site on Bennett Avenue. PennDOT received their CO for their new site.

PLAN & ORDINANCE REVIEWS

Milford Borough Ordinance Amendment – Outdoor Food Consumption – Frank described the intent that it would formalize outdoor allowances and safeguard from conflicts and concerns.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Fred Suljic, seconded by Frank Tarquinio to adjourn the October 25, 2021 Pike County Planning Commission meeting.

VOTE: all members voted “aye”, motion carried.

The next meeting of the Pike County Planning Commission will be **Monday, December 13, 2021 at 3:00pm.**