

## CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

December 17, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Carbon County Planning Commission (CCPC) was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Carbon County Emergency Services Building, Emergency Operations Center, 1264 Emergency Lane, Nesquehoning, PA.

The following Board Members were present: Fred Bresswein, Chairman; George Karas, Vice Chairman; Frank Jacobs, Secretary; and Dwight Eisenhower. Also in attendance were: David Bodnar, Planning & Development Director; Ivan Meixell, Jr., Land Planner; and Kathy Reigel, Recording Secretary.

The following Board Members were absent; Timm Berger; Bob Miller; Jesse Walck; Ginny Compton; and Dennis Demara.

There being a quorum present Chairman Bresswein called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### MINUTES:

On motion of George Karas seconded by Frank Jacobs and unanimously passed, the Minutes of the November 19, 2019 regular monthly meeting were approved as mailed.

### SUBDIVISION REVIEW:

The following plans were submitted for review. The official review comments were forwarded accordingly and are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

- 1) **Jeffrey & Jennifer Holstein Lot Line Revision – Kidder Township – Final {3,672}**

RECOMMENDATION:        **Plan Approval.**

MOTION:                    F. Jacobs.

SECOND:                    D. Eisenhower.

VOTE:                        Unanimous.

### TECHNCIAL DOCUMENTATION REVIEWS:

- 1) **PA SDCED (Department of Community & Economic Development) PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Program Application:** Hazleton City Authority (HCA) Water Department – Pressure Regulation Valve (PRV) Automation Project which will service all customers of the HCA water distribution system, including the PRV Station located in the Village of Buck Mountain Weatherly, Lausanne Township, Carbon County, PA.

Response prepared conveying support of the aforementioned Project and indicating that it is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Carbon County Comprehensive & Greenway Plan, local land use practices, and land development ordinances that impact this Project in Carbon County. A corresponding Land Use Letter was also prepared for this project.

After a brief review and discussion, the aforementioned response is to be forwarded appropriately.

David Bodnar then presented a letter of support that he sent out:

- **PA DCED CFA (Commonwealth Financing Authority) PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Program Application: Jim Thorpe Borough – School Street Water Main Replacement Project, Jim Thorpe, Carbon County, PA.**

His response expressed support of the aforementioned grant application and indicated that the proposed project is in conformance with the goals and objectives identified in the adopted Carbon County Comprehensive Plan & Greenway Plan. Kathy Henderson added that she sent a letter of support recently as well to Jim Thorpe Borough regarding the same project.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence received is on file in the Carbon County Office of Planning & Development, and is available for review from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday.

#### **VISITORS:**

David Bodnar and Kathy Henderson informed the CCPC that support was received from the Carbon County Commissioners to initiate a “Planning Nuts and Bolts: Helping Decision Makers Grow a Stronger Carbon County” training program. The Delaware River Watershed Initiative (DRWI) Upper Lehigh partners (Wildlands Conservancy, Audubon Pennsylvania and Natural Lands) have been meeting with the Carbon County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) & DCED to design training for municipal officials charged with making decisions regarding land use in their communities to:

- Better inform elected officials and their advisors about land use tools that can implement goals in county and local plans;
- Position municipalities for grant funds to assist in implementing goals for conservation & development;
- Implement the Comprehensive and Greenway Plan purpose positively.

Training is envisioned to be held in 3 two-hour sessions over the course of three weeks:

- Session 1: Planning 101 – Ted Ritsick, DCED Regional Planner
- Session 2: Carbon County Best Practices – Jeanne Ortiz from Audubon PA; Ann Hutchinson from Natural Lands; and Dennis Demara from Wildlands Conservancy
- Session 3: Technical Assistance – Funding and tools available to implement plan recommendations.

The Carbon County Planning Commission's participation & support is being requested. This Pilot Program is anticipated to be launched in the spring of 2020 pending county endorsement. A brief discussion ensued.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, on motion of Frank Jacobs, seconded by George Karas and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

  
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Frank Jacobs, Secretary