

CARBON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

July 21, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Carbon County Planning Commission (CCPC) was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 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; Frank Jacobs, Secretary; and Bob Miller. Also in attendance were: Ivan Meixell, Jr., Land Planner; and Kathy Reigel, Recording Secretary. Veronica DeMarest, Sales & Marketing Representative from H&K Group, Inc. attended the meeting for informational purposes.

The following Board Members were absent: George Karas, Vice Chairman; Jesse Walck; Ginny Compton; Timm Berger; Dwight Eisenhower; and Dennis Demara. Also absent was David Bodnar, Planning & Development Director.

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

MINUTES:

On motion of Frank Jacobs, seconded by Bob Miller and unanimously passed, the Minutes of the June 16, 2020 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) **Sal Melo Parcel ID: 42A-48-Q64.18 Minor Subdivision (Melo Enterprises, LLC – Owner) – Palmerton Borough (Preliminary/Final) {3,699}**

RECOMMENDATION: **Conditional Plan Rejection.**

MOTION: F. Jacobs.

SECOND: B. Miller.

VOTE: Unanimous.

- 2) **Harold L., Jr. & Lori A. Schaffer Minor Subdivision – Franklin Township (Final) {3,700}**

RECOMMENDATION: **Conditional Plan Rejection.**

MOTION: B. Miller.

SECOND: F. Jacobs.

VOTE: Unanimous.

- 3) **Muchmore Subdivision (Gregory Muchmore, Executor/Dorenda A. Muchmore Estate) –**
Towamensing Township (Preliminary/Final) {3,701}}

RECOMMENDATION: **Conditional Plan Rejection.**

MOTION: F. Jacobs.

SECOND: B. Miller.

VOTE: Unanimous.

- 4) **Jeffrey W. & Hollis A. Lucas Lot Line Revision – Penn Forest Township (Final) {3,702}**

RECOMMENDATION: **Conditional Plan Approval.**

MOTION: B. Miller.

SECOND: F. Jacobs.

VOTE: Unanimous.

- 5) **Berger Subdivision (Richard C. Berger – Owner) – Packer Township (Final) {3,703}**

RECOMMENDATION: **Conditional Plan Rejection.**

MOTION: F. Jacobs.

SECOND: B. Miller.

VOTE: Unanimous.

- 6) **Edwin R. Corridon Lot Line Revision – Kidder Township (Final) {3,704}**

RECOMMENDATION: **Conditional Plan Approval.**

MOTION: B. Miller.

SECOND: F. Jacobs.

VOTE: Unanimous.

TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION REVIEWS:

- 1) **PA DEP** (Department of Environmental Protection **NPDES** (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) **Individual Permit** – PPL Electric Utilities Corp. – Siegfried – Hauto #1 & #4 Transmission Line Rebuild Project, East Penn & Mahoning Townships and Nesquehoning & Summit Hill Boroughs, Carbon County; and Washington Township, Lehigh County.

The “County Notification of Planned Land Development for Chapter 102 Permits” was completed and returned to Kyle Spayd, P.E. of WSP USA in the required time frame.

- 2) **PA DEP NPDES Permit Renewal Application** – Kline Banks McAdoo (KBM) Regional Authority Water Quality Management Permit Modification, KBM Regional Authority WWTP (wastewater treatment plant), Banks Township

Corresponding Land Use Letter with Appendix A was completed for the aforementioned project which indicated that the project is consistent with the adopted Carbon County Comprehensive & Greenway Plan.

- 3) **PA DCED (Department of Community & Economic Development) Blight Remediation Grant Support Letter** – Jim Thorpe, Lehighon, Palmerton Boroughs Community Partners

Mr. Meixell explained to those present that the grant will be utilized for the demolition and clearing, rehabilitation or reconstruction of blighted properties. The Community Partners are hoping that this project will be used as a pilot program to transform an ongoing blight remediation for the entire Carbon County area. His response conveyed support of the aforementioned grant application and indicated that the proposed project is in conformance with the goals and objectives in the following adopted Comprehensive Plans:

- Carbon County Comprehensive & Greenway Plan
- Middle Carbon County Comprehensive Plan
(**Jim Thorpe**, Summit Hill and Lansford Boroughs, Penn Forest Township)
- Central Carbon County Regional Comprehensive Plan
(**Lehighon** and Weissport Boroughs, East Penn, Franklin and Mahoning Townships)
- Palmerton Area Comprehensive Plan
(**Palmerton** and Bowmanstown Boroughs, Towamensing and Lower Towamensing Townships)

- 4) **PA DEP NPDES Permit** – Weatherly Borough Building changes & additions, Weatherly Borough

The “County Notification of Planned Land Development for Chapter 102 Permits” was completed and returned to Weatherly Borough in the required time frame.

- 5) **PA DEP Intergovernmental Review – July 2020:**

- Nonpoint Source Implementation 319(h) - \$4,846,500

Response conveying support of the aforementioned grant application for consideration & funding by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was prepared.

- 6) **PA DEP NPDES Permit Renewal Application** – Hazleton City Authority (HCA) – Water Withdrawal & out of basin transfer – Lehigh Gorge State Park, Lehigh Township to HCA Dreck Creek Reservoir ‘F’, Hazle Township, Luzerne County

No response warranted.

- 7) **PA DCED CFA** (Commonwealth Financing Authority) **GTRP** (Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program) **Grant Support Letter** – Beaver Meadows Memorial Park – Recreation Pavilion, Beaver Meadows Borough

Response conveying support of the aforementioned grant application and indicating that the proposed project is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Carbon County Comprehensive Plan & Greenway Plan “To expand existing recreational parks located throughout Carbon County”.

After a brief review and discussion, the aforementioned responses are to be forwarded appropriately.

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.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion of Frank Jacobs, seconded by Bob Miller and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

/S/ Frank Jacobs

Frank Jacobs, Secretary