

MINUTES OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017

I. Call to Order: Chairman Lutz opened the Public Meeting at 2:30p.m.

MEMBERS: Commissioners Leo Lutz, Scott Haverstick, Terry Martin, Kathy Wasong, William Shaffer and Gretchen Karr were present.

Commissioners Roni Ryan, Pete Soto and Alice Yoder were not present.

STAFF: James Cowhey, Scott Standish, Dean Severson, Bob Bini, Gwen Newell, Brad Stewart, Mark Huber, Brian Reid and Farah Eustace were present.

OTHERS: None.

II. Call to Audience

No one from the audience addressed the Planning Commission regarding an item not on the agenda.

III. Approval of the Minutes of Prior Meeting – January 9, 2016: Commissioner Haverstick moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Shaffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Wasong abstained).

IV. Appointments, Presentations and Reports:

A. Scheduled Public Presentations: **None.**

B. Committees and Task Forces: **None.**

C. Reports and Presentations from LCPC Staff:

1. Mr. Cowhey, Executive Director, thanked the LCPC members for meeting with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss organizational matters. It was a good meeting. Chairman Lutz apologized for not making the meeting due to some unavoidable circumstances.

2. Division Directors:

a. Mr. Bob Bini, Director for Transportation Planning, stated he attended the Transportation Research Board's annual meeting in Washington. The meeting discussed generational differences and the impacts these have on different transportation choices. A big discussion was on autonomous vehicles and other effects of technology. He said some trends are not entirely clear since they need more research.

Another topic was "Mobility hubs" a concept of central places that link different modes of transportation, as well as other things such as shopping, biking, car sharing, etc. Pilot project of a mobility hub in Munich is overwhelmingly accepted by the local community.

The Commission discussed the impacts of new trends and future transportation planning options.

b. Mr. Scott Standish, Director for Countywide Planning, as part of the comprehensive plan update, reported on the second online survey which was taken by about 1300 people so far. The survey will close on February 10th. It was advertised in the Merchandiser to encourage people to take the new survey. Staff is now working on a marketing strategy to reach younger people since we are trying to plan for their future. Their turnout has been very low. Also, want to beat the last survey's participation. He asked the members to help in spreading the word about the survey. He discussed and distributed details of the online survey's result. Staff is working on having an event in the spring, details will be provided soon.

In collaboration with the Coalition for Smart Growth, staff is planning to meet with school districts to talk about how to involve them more in the process.

Commissioner Karr suggested that staff reach the younger generation through social media (Instagram and Snapchat). We have to modify questions by making it brief and relevant. Mr. Standish said staff is already working on different approaches to get their attention and will work on these options as well.

Commissioner Haverstick asked in reference to a recent newspaper article regarding the East Earl Township smart growth plan. He said in response to that staff should formulate some strategy dealing with the issue. The Commission briefly discussed the topic and said that this is very important for the public to understand the difference.

Mr. Cowhey said staff is planning on meeting with municipal officials on Thursday to discuss the issue. Mr. Standish said staff will make sure to respond to the issue in different ways and a definition of smart growth will be posted on LCPC's website for more clarity. Also, some articles will be printed in the newspapers.

Chairman Lutz asked staff, what it means when staff offers no comments to the townships in their advisory reviews. Mr. Severson said sometimes staff is involved in the process from the very beginning or have already reviewed the plan informally. By the time it is submitted for LCPC review, staff doesn't find anything else to highlight. Chairman Lutz said since staff will be working mostly on the advisory reviews in the future, staff should highlight planning issues carefully. These issues will help in long term planning and will be discussed by the Commission. He also asked Commission members to take some time to go through these and bring up any issue that could change.

V. Previously Postponed Planning Matters for Discussion and Action:

- A. Lancaster County Comprehensive Planning Items: **None.**
- B. Community Planning Reviews: **None.**
- C. Subdivision and Land Development Plan Items – Approvals/Reviews: **None.**
- D. Subdivision and Land Development Plan Items – Advisory Reviews: **None.**
- E. Other Planning Matters: **None.**
- F. Additions to the Agenda (with 24-hour Public Notice): **None.**

VI. New Planning Matters for Discussion and Action:

- A. Lancaster County Comprehensive Planning Items: **None.**
- B. Community Planning Reviews: **None.**
- C. Subdivision and Land Development Plan Items – Approvals/Reviews:
 - 1. Requests for Modifications/Waivers: **None.**
 - 2. Subdivision and Land Development Plans: **None.**
 - 3. Unconditional Preliminary Plan Approval: **None.**
 - 4. Requests for Time Extensions: **None.**
- D. Subdivision and Land Development Plan Items – Advisory Reviews:
 - 1. #65-34-3A, Myer Family Trust, Manor Township
 - 2. #71-354-1E, Lime Spring Farm, East Hempfield Township
 - 3. #76-269-3, East Hempfield Township Police Station Expansion, East Hempfield Township
 - 4. #77-8-2, Rock Lititz Lodging, Warwick Township
 - 5. #77-169-2B, Duane E. & Carolyn D. Thomas, Pequea Township
 - 6. #82-211-4C, Phase 3 for Penn Towne Center, Penn Township
 - 7. #87-10-1, Pickering Circle, Manheim Township
 - 8. #89-390-1A, Shertzer, Manor Township
 - 9. #92-151A, 2650 Wood Lane, Caernarvon Township
 - 10. #98-90-2A, Reinhart Cafe - Phase 2, West Lampeter Township
 - 11. #01-127-3A, Lime Spring Square – Phase 3, East Hempfield Township
 - 12. #06-129-2A, John L. Beiler, East Lampeter Township
 - 13. #16-59, Smith Middle School, Eden Township
 - 14. #16-61, EDK Subdivision, Strasburg Township
 - 15. #16-62, Gramby Elementary School, Manheim Borough

Commissioner Haverstick moved to recommend approval of the above reviews. Commissioner Shaffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Martin abstained from voting on item # 9).

- E. Other Planning Matters:
- F. Additions to the Agenda (with 24-hour Public Notice): **None.**

VII. Old Business: **None.**

VIII. New Business and Discussion Items:

IX. Adjournment: Commissioner Wasong moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Karr seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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