

**PENNS VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2016**

PRESENT:

Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission

Centre Hall	
Gregg Township	Doug Bierly
Haines Township	Daryl Schafer and Charles Valentine
Miles Township	Ron Hough
Millheim Borough	Lauralee Snyder
Penn Township	Bob Fox and Dean Smith
Potter Township	Jake Tanis and Ron Grove

Other:

Centre County Planning and Community Development Office	Linda Marshall
Haines Township	Fred Lingle

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Schafer called the January 18, 2016 meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

REORGANIZATION

Mr. Schafer opened up the nominations for Chair of the Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Tanis nominated Mr. Grove. Mr. Smith moved to close the nominations. The nomination was approved.

Mr. Tanis nominated Mr. Schafer to serve as Vice Chair. Mr. Fox seconded the motion, and Mr. Tanis moved to close the nominations. The nomination was approved.

Mr. Schafer nominated Mr. Bierly for the position of Treasurer. Mr. Smith closed the nominations. The nomination was approved.

Mr. Schafer nominated Ms. Linda Marshall of the Centre County Planning and Community Development Office to serve as Secretary. Mr. Valentine closed the nominations. The nomination was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

MEETING NOTES

Mr. Grove called for additions or corrections to the November 16, 2015 meeting notes of the Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Valentine moved to approve the

November 16, 2015 meeting notes, as written. Mr. Schafer seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Mr. Bierly reported that there is a balance of \$413.72 in the Treasury with no expenditures reported.

Secretary Report

No report.

REPORTS:

Centre Hall Borough

No representative was present.

Gregg Township

Mr. Bierly reported that the Old Gregg School Community and Recreation Center has high speed internet access in the building. He added that the plan is to make high speed internet access available to the residences and businesses in the Village of Spring Mills at a monthly cost of \$60 per customer.

Haines Township

Mr. Schafer reported that with the passing of Mr. Steve Breon, Supervisor and Road Master and Mr. Fred Benner, Planning Commissioner, that the township had vacancies to fill. He introduced Mr. Fred Lingle to the Commission and stated that Mr. Lingle has agreed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Schafer remarked that Mr. Lingle has already brought a lot to the table.

Mr. Schafer added that Mr. Mark Hosterman was hired as a Road Superintendent. He asked the Commission members if their municipal road masters will help Mr. Hosterman get his feet on the ground.

Miles Township

Mr. Hough reported that he had no new items to share with the Commission.

Millheim Borough

Ms. Snyder reported that Millheim Borough is under a consent order and an ongoing investigation regarding their sewage treatment plan since test results show high BODs (Biochemical Oxygen Demand). Due to the high BOD levels, the Borough cannot issue any more sewer permits until DEP allocates some EDU's as explained in the Borough's Corrective Action Plan. Ms. Snyder added that the Borough has been trying to address the problem for a year and half; however, the Borough is not making any progress.

Penn Township

Mr. Fox reported that Mr. Dean Smith is back on the Board of Supervisors. He noted that Mr. Butch Sasserma did not seek re-election. He added that Penn Township had

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another supervisor resign two months ago and that they appointed Dave Braucht from Coburn to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Fox added that the Township is also going through the source water protection planning process.

Potter Township

Mr. Grove reported that Potter Township is reviewing the Source Water Protection Plan and he commented that the Plan was inflicted quite a bit on some of the landowners in the affected areas. He noted that three or four other water systems in the township also need to have some protections; however, the draft plan only includes the Homan Wellfield. Mr. Grove also stated that the Township is looking to change the commercial district along SR 45 west of the Old Fort intersection. Mr. Grove added that the zoning ordinance, specifically the Water Quality District, currently prohibits some activities for the property owners since he feels it is not written properly.

Mr. Grove informed the Commission that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation staff will be meeting with representatives from Potter Township on January 19th to discuss local roads as part of the Potters Mills Gap project.

Mr. Grove reported that the Rutter's Farm Store company wants to develop a convenience store on US Route 322 in the Planned Commercial Industrial District. The company's desire is to install a traffic signal on US Route 322 at Summer Lane, and they have offered to cover the cost associated with the signal's installation. Mr. Tanis commented that he thinks the light would be a great asset. Mr. Grove added that McCormick Taylor Inc. is writing up an estimate for the signal.

Referencing the Township's Planned Commercial Industrial District and the traffic signal proposed by Rutter's Farm Store, Mr. Grove stated that if the signal is installed that all traffic generated by the businesses accessing Summer Lane would feed out into the traffic light.

Mr. Grove reported that the Township has purchased a new 4-wheel drive dump truck and that they will be selling the old one. He stated that any municipality interested in the older dump truck should contact their Road Master, Bud Brooks. Potter Township has listed the price for the older truck at \$15,000.

A discussion occurred on how the stormwater runoff is being handled for the Potters Mills Gap project. It was the representatives understanding that the stormwater would be channeled through pipes and into stormwater basins. There will be no direct discharge into the local streams.

A discussion occurred on sewage management ordinances.

Potter Township representatives stated that the Township's new Sewage Enforcement Officer is willing to inspect sewage systems on Saturdays as well as after 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Tanis explained that Potter Township's ordinance requires that an inspection of the system be conducted; however, pumping may not be mandated if the tank is not full.

The Township changed the period for pumping from three to six years. Mr. Grove commented that six years is a better option since it allows time for the bacteria to build up in the systems.

Mr. Fox commented that they were told that the period for pumping should be five years. He added that he feels that it is about education.

Mr. Schafer asked the Potter Township residents about what percentage of the systems needed to be replaced. Mr. Grove replied that quite a few did.

OLD BUSINESS

Tri Municipal Park Committee

No report.

Regional Comprehensive Plan 10 Year Review

Ms. Marshall reported that she has not received all of the municipal reviews of the Comprehensive Plan goals. She asked to have them before the March meeting of the Regional Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

Information Items

Mr. Hough reported that the Young Farmer organization will be hearing an update on Colyer Lake at their January 25th meeting.

For the Good of the Order

Mr. Smith stated that questions have been raised about the membership fees for the Penns Valley YMCA and that members of this facility have to pay an additional \$75 per year to use the State College and Bellefonte YMCA facilities.

Ms. Marshall offered to contact the Centre County YMCA for a clarification and report back to the Commission members.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mr. Tanis moved to adjourn the January 18, 2016 meeting of the Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission at 7:55 pm. Mr. Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.