

**PENNS VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2016**

PRESENT:

Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission

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| Centre Hall | |
| Gregg Township | Doug Bierly |
| Haines Township | Daryl Schafer |
| Miles Township | |
| Millheim Borough | Lauralee Snyder |
| Penn Township | Bob Fox and Dean Smith |
| Potter Township | Ron Grove |

Other:

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| Centre County Planning and Community Development Office | Linda Marshall |
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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Grove called the May 16, 2016 meeting to order at 7:07p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES

Mr. Grove called for additions or corrections to the March 21, 2016 meeting notes of the Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Bierly moved to approve the March 21, 2016 meeting notes, as written. Mr. Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Mr. Bierly read the Treasurer's Report. There is a balance of \$360.99 in the Treasury with the only expenditure being the legal ad for the 2016 Meeting Schedule, which was \$52.73. Mr. Fox moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, and Mr. Bierly seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Secretary Report

No report.

REPORTS:

Centre Hall Borough

No report.

Gregg Township

Mr. Bierly reported that the Township is switching the street lights to LED lights and also adding two additional street lights. He added that the Township continues to work on

the Codification and noted that due to a death of the owner of Keystone Publishing that the Township needs to find another company to complete the codification. Mr. Bierly explained that Mr. Rod Beard, Esquire, expressed an interest in codifying the municipality's ordinances/codes. Messrs. Fox and Smith stated that Penn Township hired American Legal Publishing Corporation to codify Penn Township's ordinances/codes.

Haines Township

Mr. Schafer reported that the Board of Supervisors has accepted the draft zoning ordinance. He added that the Supervisors held a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss the draft ordinance, and Keystone COG was also present at the meeting since the agency will be enforcing the ordinance once adopted.

Mr. Schafer stated that the Township has doubled its road projects this year due to the cost of paving.

Miles Township

No report.

Millheim Borough

Ms. Snyder reported that the Borough is still working with DEP on their plan for the Millheim Sewage Treatment System (PA Department of Environmental Protection), investigating the high level of organic BODs. She commented that the Borough has been working on the plan for 18 months, trying to determine the root of the problem.

Ms. Snyder added that the water line interconnect between Aaronsburg and Millheim is probably not going to happen since the Haines Aaronsburg Millheim Authority (HAMA) is not willing to put any additional money towards the project.

Penn Township

Mr. Fox reported that Penn Township found the water leak, which is in the middle of Pine Creek. The line is located in a fast moving section of an Exceptional Value stream. The leak is resulting in a loss of 30,000 gallons per day.

Penn Township will be tar and chipping roads in 2016, and they applied for a grant to replace a culvert on Beaver Dam Road as well as remove 29 trees along the route.

Potter Township

Mr. Grove reported that the Township is still working on the Source Water Protection Plan and will be making some changes to the document.

Mr. Grove added that the Township will be holding a hearing on May 24th to receive input from residents on a proposal to rezone the area from Potters Mills to Cole's Bus Garage to Commercial. He referred to the Rutter's project that was proposed to be sited in the Planned Commercial Industrial District and noted that the PA Department of Transportation denied Rutter's a permit for a traffic signal on US Route 322. Mr. Grove thought that Rutter's might consider the new interchange area.

OLD BUSINESS

-Tri-Municipal Park and Recreation Committee Report

Ms. Marshall read the April 19th Advisory Board Minutes, providing an update to the Commission members.

A comment was made that there has been no resolution regarding the Centre Hall wells. Mr. Bierly replied that he thought there was an agreement in place that addressed the wells.

-Regional Comprehensive Plan Implementation

-Review of Land Use Maps

Ms. Marshall asked the representatives for an update on the Existing and Future Land Use Map exercise. Gregg and Penn Townships and Millheim Borough have completed this exercise. Haines and Potter Townships will finish the exercise by the end of the first week of June. Ms. Marshall will follow up with Centre Hall Borough and Miles Township after the meeting.

-Discuss the municipal review of the Goals

Ms. Marshall asked the Commission members to identify municipal and regional priorities to achieve over the next ten years.

The list of DRAFT goals is as follows:

Potter

Extend the sewer line in the Commercial District (Old Fort) to serve the properties to the rear of the businesses/properties fronting SR 45 on both the north and south side of the road.

Address the Grange Fair overloads on the Centre Hall-Potter Sewage Treatment Plant during the ten days that Grange Fair is held.

Millheim

Partner with the Penns Valley Conservation Association on the development of a walking trail in the Borough of Millheim

Regional

Public Services

Revisit the discussion on shared police services.

Encourage fire companies to communicate and cooperate with one another in an effort to provide a more efficient and cost effective delivery of fire protection and public safety services.

Public Utilities

Facilitate shared services for the operation of the region's sewer and water facilities.

Economic Development

Foster business development that supports agriculture.

Encourage the expansion of high speed internet.

Promote the repurposing of existing buildings in the region for economic development opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS

Centre County CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Program

Ms. Marshall reported the following:

-The contractor for the Woodward water line project is re-mobilizing this week to complete the restoration component of the project, which includes restoring the yards, sidewalks, and paving the driveway.

-Miles Township is receiving and reviewing the Request for Proposals for Engineering Services for the east end waterline project.

-Requests for CDBG funding are being accepted for 2016. The Centre County Board of Commissioners will make a final decision on the requests in late September.

Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO)

Ms. Marshall gave an update on behalf of MPO staff, which was as follows:

-The Draft 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is currently available for 30 day public comment period until May 27th.

-Two bridges in Haines Township are scheduled to be replaced through the Rapid Bridge Replacement Program. The MPO staff is waiting to hear whether a half-width construction process for the bridge on Route 45 near Woodward is feasible. If not, some lengthy detours will be put in place.

-All approvals have been received for the Section B05 Sand Mountain Road Interchange, and it is on schedule for a June 2016 bid let.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were none.

FOR GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the May 16, 2016 meeting of the Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Grove seconded the motion. The motion carried.