

Minutes

**November 9, 2015
Monday, 4:30 p.m.
Commissioner's Board Room
155 North 15th Street**

**REGULAR MEETING
UNION COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Donald Bowman called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Planning Commission Members Present:

Susan Benfer
Donald Bowman
Allan Grundstrom

Jeff Koppel
Tony Mike
Jack Pyper

Planning Commission Members Absent:

Sally Farmer

Justin Keister

Jeff Thompson

Others Present:

Shawn McLaughlin, Planning Director
Jeremiah Runkle, Solicitor
Janice Wagner, Staff

II. Approval of Minutes:

Being no additions or corrections to the minutes there was a motion by Jeff Koppel to approve the October 5, 2015 meeting minutes as mailed. Second by Tony Mike. Motion carried.

IV. Committee Reports:

A. Subdivision Report – October 2015

Commission Actions

None

Staff Actions

None

Municipal Reviews

1. Penn Commons – E. Buffalo Twp. (31 units), res., final.
2. Koss Financial – E. Buffalo Twp., (1 lot), comm., 0.38 acs., final, parking lot, land development.
3. Marian Gordner – Gregg Twp., (2 lots), res., 0.42 acs., add-on, final.
4. Charles Ruckle – Limestone Twp., (1 lot), res., 22.25 acs., final.

5. Ammon Zimmerman – Limestone Twp., (1 lot), comm., 1.74 acs., add-on, final.
6. Bieber Industrial – White. Deer Twp.
7. Kore Yoder – Buffalo Twp., (1 lot), agr., 86.00 acs., final, land development, poultry barn.
8. Zimmerman/Hoch – White Deer Twp., (1 lot), res., 0.95 acs., add-on, final.
9. Stylianos Xagorakis – Buffalo Twp., comm., 10.38 acs., prel., land development.

There was a motion by Jack Pyper and second by Jeff Koppel to endorse the municipal reviews. Motion carried.

V. Correspondence and Information:

A. SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority & R&N Railroad Correspondence

This was an enclosure in the agenda packet regarding the correspondence sent to the Reading and Northern Railroad relative to the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority.

VI. Director's Report:

Mr. McLaughlin reported he attended the annual budget meeting with the Commissioner's; attended a Lewisburg Bull Run Greenway steering committee meeting; met with two citizens one from East Buffalo Township and one from Lewisburg Borough on pedestrian and bike issues; met with the new director of the Bucknell Environmental Center; attended a Buffalo Valley Rail Trail committee meeting; met with Bucknell faculty members, students and Larson Design to discuss future design projects; met with the Susquehanna Greenway partnership.

VII. Old Business:

A. Greenway and Open Space Plan

Where we are currently as a staff is physically writing the plan document. We have the first two chapters drafted and will send to the steering committee members prior to the next committee meeting on December 16th. We have four alternatives for greenway and trail concepts in the County and a preferred alternative. The preferred alternative is proposing a greenway and trail along the Susquehanna River that would be our major greenway and trail component. Finishing the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail is another priority both on the eastern end and possibly a western extension. The other greenways we are proposing would largely be for conservation purposes only. Long-term we are also looking at ways to connect Lewisburg along Buffalo Creek to the Dale Walker property. This will all be presented to the committee to evaluate

VIII. New Business:

A. Member Term Expiration (Tony Mike, Allan Grundstrom, Jack Pyper)

The terms of members Tony Mike, Allan Grundstrom and Jack Pyper will expire December 31, 2015. Members Tony Mike and Allan Grundstrom have agreed to serve another 4 year term. Member Jack Pyper has decided not to serve another term. The Planning Commission will work with the Commissioner's to advertise for a new member.

IX. Public Comment:

None

X. Adjournment:

Being no further business there was a motion by Sally Farmer and second by Allan Grundstrom to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm. Motion carried.

Jeff Koppel, Secretary

Date