

Minutes

February 11, 2019

Monday, 4:30 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING
UNION COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Commissioner's Board Room
155 North 15th Street**

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Donald Bowman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Members Present:

Donald Bowman
Susan Benfer
Sally Farmer

Allan Grundstrom
Tony Mike
Jim Murphy

Ben Ranck

Planning Commission Members Absent:

Jeff Koppel

Others Present:

Shawn McLaughlin, Planning Director
Pamela Mabus, Planner
Janice Wagner, Staff

II. Approval of Minutes:

There was a motion by Tony Mike to approve the January 14, 2019 meeting minutes as mailed. Second by Ben Ranck. Motion carried.

III. Committee Reports:

A. Subdivision Report – January 2019

Commission Actions

1. Landis Reiff – West Buffalo Twp., agricultural, final, land development “As-Built”

This plan depicts the construction of two layer houses for a total of 48,944 square feet. A preliminary plan for this project was approved on November 18,, 2015. A Conditional Use was granted by the West Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors on October 19, 2015. Staff has received an approved review from the Commission Engineer. There was a motion by Jim Murphy to approve the “as-built” Final plan. Second by Ben Ranck. Motion carried.

Staff Actions

2. John Struble, Jr. – Lewis Twp., (2 lots), res., 1.96 acs., add-on, final.

Municipal Reviews

3. Samuel Yoder – Union Twp., (1 lot), res., 9.08 ac., final.
4. Linford Martin – White Deer Twp., (1 lot), agr., final, land development, poultry barn.
5. Linda Guldon – East Buffalo Twp., (1 lot), rec., 6.71 acs., final.

There was a motion by Ben Ranck and second by Tony Mike to ratify the staff actions and municipal reviews. Motion carried.

IV. Correspondence and Information:

None

V. Director's Report:

Mr. McLaughlin reported he met with the County Solicitor on several matters related to the business park; attended FOCUS Central PA board meeting; participated in a conference call with GAF's consultants and the Governor's Action Team regarding the expansion at New Columbia and rail line funding; participated as judge at Lewisburg Middle School shark tank class; attended MPO meeting; met with Larson Design; met with Warrior Run School Superintendent to discuss tax incentive program for the Target site; attended PREP meeting; participated in FOCUS Central PA data sub-committee conference call; spent time at the Central PA Chamber with Penn State Extension and the Chamber doing a community and economic development program for the Leaders of the Susquehanna Valley program that serves the high schools in the area; continue to follow up with prospects for the business park; set up a meeting with one of our existing companies and the Governor's Action Team to explore incentives related to potential prospects; coordinated a meeting with PennDOT and Kelly Township for a grant application later this year; the covered bridge in White Deer Township was hit by semi-truck and had to coordinate everything pertaining to that.

VI. Old Business:

Commissioner Showers has reached out to a gentleman who is interested in serving on the planning commission from White Deer Township who is retired and serves on the White Deer Planning Commission.

VII. New Business:

A. Annual Report

If the planning commission members do not have any significant changes to be made to the Annual Report the format will be similar to last year.

VIII. Public Comment:

None

With no further business to discuss Chairman Bowman asked the Commission that if we do not have plans that need to be addressed and if there are no significant agenda items would the members have any objection to cancelling the meeting. There was no particular objection to this matter and Mr. Bowman will consult with Mr. McLaughlin each month.

The second item was that Mr. McLaughlin suggested there may be some issues related to planning either short or long term the planning commission may want him or the staff to address. Mr. McLaughlin felt that if there was not a lot on an agenda that may be a good time for members to have an open forum for discussion to say what is on their mind or what planning concerns and community issues are happening now or on the horizon that we may need to be involved with. Mr. Bowman noted he had a concern with single-stream recycling and what is going to happen with the local providers. Ben Ranck would like to see discussion of the Forest Land ordinances across the County continued and wrapped into some sort of action phase that we go out to municipalities and bring alignment with one another but he feels there is merit in doing so on the Green Space and Open Space ordinance alignment.

IX. Adjournment:

Being no further business there was a motion by Jim Murphy and second by Tony Mike to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Jeff Koppel, Secretary

Date

