

**Lawrence County Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Mahoning Township Municipal Building  
July 12, 2023  
12:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the Lawrence County Planning Commission was held at the Mahoning Township Municipal Building at 12:00 PM on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Attendance**

**Planning Commission**

**Board:**

Larry Lambo, Chairman  
Karolee Loughhead, Vice Chairperson  
Mary Burris, Secretary  
Everett Bleakney  
James Blundo  
Cindy Morabito  
Hygeia Moss-Eggleston  
Frank Telesz

**Staff:**

Amy McKinney, Director of Planning  
Allen Miller, Deputy Director of Planning  
Rebecca Shaffer, Deputy Director of Community Development  
Mary Glass, Office Manager

**Guests:**

Dan Vogler, County Commissioner  
Marla Brown, State Representative  
Jackie Thompson, Staff Member for Marla Brown  
Debbie Wachter, New Castle News  
Kevin Swogger, Ellwood City Borough Manager

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Lawrence County Planning Commission was called to order at 12:00 PM by Larry Lambo.

**Additions/Deletion to Agenda**

There were no additions or deletions made to the agenda.

**Public Comments**

State Representative, Marla Brown, and her staff member, Jackie Thompson, were in attendance. Ms. Brown inquired about the projected FirstMerit Plaza building demolition dates. The dates are not definite at this time. Bids are due by July 20, 2023, at 1:00 PM. Jackie Thompson reviewed Ms. Brown's upcoming community outreach events.

## Regular Agenda

**1. Approval of Minutes:** Karolee Loughhead moved, seconded by Everett Bleakney to approve the minutes from the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting. Motion carried, 8-0.

**2. Staff Report:**

- Comprehensive Plan/Greenways Plans: DCNR C2P2 Quaker Falls – Phase 2 project. We are working on the timeline, site drawings and bid documents. Our office will be performing spring inspections of all county parks and boat launches. Coordination of maintenance at Neshannock Trail and Millenium Boat Launch.
- CDBG and CDBG-CV1, CV2 and CV3: General administrative duties. Working with Grant Manager on FY2022 application changes. FY2023 allocations were received, and our application is due on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Applications for funding from non-entitlements are due on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Ellwood City Street Improvement project has begun.
- ARPA: General Administrative Duties. Working with our auditor to approve possible projects and preparing agreements. Preparing quarterly report that is due on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- SPC: Attended TTC meetings. Planning Directors Meeting. TIP Work groups have started and will be held monthly. .
- RALC: Administering the Side Yard Program and Countywide Housing and Blight Remediation Program. Working on a Countywide Façade Improvement program and Ellwood City Façade Program. Working with City of New Castle and RAR Engineering on First Merit demolition. Working on PHARE reporting for RALC and County.
- Link-Up Lawrence: Feasibility study for the expansion of broadband in the County. Bi-weekly check in with Consultant.
- Municipal Assistance: Assisting local municipalities and organizations. Working with Union Township and PennDOT on Revitalization project. Ellport Borough Zoning Ordinance.

**3. Commissioner's Comments:**

**Dan Vogler-** Mr. Vogler thanked Representative Brown and Jackie Thompson for attending. He also announced that a section of Route 376 would be closed, and that traffic was being rerouted to Wilmington Avenue through Sunday. He also stated that the Commissioner's will not be able to attend the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting as they will be at the CCAP meeting in Erie, PA.

**4. Old Business:** None

**5. New Business:** None

## **Action Agenda:**

**Subdivision and Land Developments:** Two land developments were presented to the Board for review:

**GIANT EAGLE WET GO - Neshannock Township:** Allen Miller reviewed the County Comments on the plan. Frank Telesz moved that the Township take the County comments presented into consideration before approval. Mary Burris seconded. Motion carried 8-0

**CONEY ISLAND – Shenango Township:** Allen Miller reviewed the County Comments on the plan. Everett Bleakney moved that the Township take the County comments presented into consideration before approval. Karolee Loughhead seconded. Motion carried 8-0

## **Zoning and Municipal Reviews:**

Pulaski Township – Conditional Use (personal horse or pony stable)

## **Act 14 Notifications:**

Four were reviewed since the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 12:00 PM at the Wampum Train Station located at 303 Main Street, Wampum, PA.

**Adjournment:** Everett Bleakney moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mary Burris. Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.