

**Lawrence County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
North Beaver Township Building
June 14, 2023
12:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the Lawrence County Planning Commission was held at the North Beaver Township Municipal Building at 12:00 PM on June 14th, 2023.

**Attendance
Planning Commission**

Board: Larry Lambo, Chairman
Karolee Loughhead, Vice Chairperson
Everett Bleakney
Dave Hammond
Cindy Morabito

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
Loretta Spielvogel, County Commissioner
Brian Burick, County Commissioner
Debbie Wachter, New Castle News

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Lawrence County Planning Commission was called to order at 12:04 PM by Larry Lambo.

Additions/Deletion to Agenda

There were no additions or deletions made to the agenda.

Public Comments

None

Regular Agenda

- 1. Approval of Minutes:** Everett Bleakney moved, seconded by Cindy Morabito to approve the minutes from the May 10th, 2023, meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.
- 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 27th. The first Public hearings for FY2023 were held on June 12th.
- **ARPA:** General Administrative Duties. Working with our auditor to approve possible projects and preparing agreements.
- **SPC:** Attended TTC meetings. Planning Directors Meeting. Spring PPP meeting was held on May 22nd.
- **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.
- **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. Reviewed Neshannock Township Zoning Amendment

3. Commissioner's Comments:

Dan Vogler- The County does not own or maintain any roads; however, it does own 28 bridges, of which two are covered. The Commissioner's plan to tour the bridges this fall, and he has invited the Planning Commission members to join. ARPA funds have been allocated to all taxing bodies. The deadline to allocated the funds is December 2024 and they must be spent by December 2026. The County may allocated some to capital improvements.

Loretta Spielvogel- Progress is being made in the City of New Castle and in Shenango Township. If we can revitalize the City it will in turn help to bring the County up as a whole.

Brian Burick - Complimented the Planning Department staff on their work ethic and professionalism.

4. Old Business: None

5. New Business: None

Action Agenda:

Subdivision and Land Developments: One land development was presented to the Board for review:

JBG KIDZ FUN ZONE - Union 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. Dave Hammond seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Zoning and Municipal Reviews:

Neshannock Township Zoning

Act 14 Notifications:

Six were reviewed since the May 10th, 2023, meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 12:00 PM at the Mahoning Township Municipal Building located at 4538 West State Street, Hillsville, PA.

Adjournment: Everett Bleakney moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Karolee Loughhead.

Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.