

**Lawrence County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Slippery Rock Township Municipal Building
April 12, 2023
12:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the Lawrence County Planning Commission was held at Slippery Rock Township Municipal Building at 12:00 PM on April 12th, 2023.

Attendance

Planning Commission

Board:

Larry Lambo, Chairman
Karolee Loughhead, Vice Chairperson
Mary Burris, Secretary
Everett Bleakney
Dave Hammond
Cindy Morabito
Hygeia Moss-Eggleston (Alternate)
Linda Nitch

Staff:

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

Guests:

Brian Burick, Commissioner
Loretta Spielvogel, Commissioner
Dan J. Vogler, Commissioner
Debbie Wachter, New Castle News
Jonathan Garczowski, Gateway Engineers
Brian Soyka, SHEETZ
George Johnson, Slippery Rock Township
Jonny Proch, Slippery Rock Township
Jack Armagost, Slippery Rock Township
Doug Michaels, Slippery Rock Township
Fred Yeager, Slippery Rock Township

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Lawrence County Planning Commission was called to order at 12:05 PM by Larry Lambo.

Additions/Deletion to Agenda

There were no additions or deletions made to the agenda.

Public Comments

Jonathan Garczowski, The Gateway Engineers- reviewed the plan for the SHEETZ rebuild in detail and answered all Planning Commission member questions.

Brian Soyka, SHEETZ, Inc – Also answered Planning Commission questions and stated they are seeking approvals now. The expected start date is 09/11/2023 with completion by 02/18/2023.

Regular Agenda

a. **Approval of Minutes:** Cindy Morabito moved, seconded by Karolee Loughhead to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2023, meeting. Motion carried, 8-0.

b. **Staff Report:**

- **Comprehensive Plan/Greenways Plans:** DCNR C2P2 Quaker Falls – Phase 2 project. We are working on the timeline, site drawings and bid documents. The commissioners entered into a contract with C. Crump Inc. to clear debris and perform maintenance of the Stavich Bike Trail, which was damaged by a storm/high water event and the work has been completed. Our office will be performing spring inspections of all county parks and boat launches.
- **CDBG and CDBG-CV2 and CV3:** General administrative duties. Completed and submitted a revision and two modifications to grant manager. Ellwood City Street Improvement bids received and being reviewed.
- **ARPA:** General Administrative Duties. Agreements created and processed for disbursements. The quarterly report is due at the end of April.
- **SPC:** Attended TTC meetings. Planning Directors Meeting. Working with SPC staff for Spring PPP meeting (April 22)
- **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.
- **Link-Up Lawrence:** Feasibility study for the expansion of broadband in the County. Bi-weekly check in with Consultant. Provider interviews
- **League of Municipality:** Organizing meeting on April 19th. Michael Baker will be discussing the Link-Up Lawrence plan.
- **Municipal Assistance:** Assisting local municipalities and organizations. Working with Union Township and PennDOT on Revitalization project.

c. **Commissioner's Comments:**

Brian Burick (Newly appointed on 04/03/2023) - greeted everyone in attendance and stated he had met with the Planning Department recently for an overview of the department.

Dan Vogler – Thanked Slippery Rock Township for hosting the Planning Commission Meeting. Congratulated Jack Armagost, Slippery Township Supervisor, who will be retiring after 24 years of service. He also announced that Hygeia Moss-Eggleston has been appointed as an alternate member of the Planning Commission and welcomed her to the Board. He announced that there are liquid fuels funds available and that the information for applying for those funds would be emailed and hardcopy mailed out.

d. Old Business:

The LinkUpLawrence broadband study is underway. We have been reaching out to Lawrence County citizens through our municipalities, school districts, news outlets, and social media pages to spread the word. The deadline to take the survey has been extended to May 26th, 2023. Any questions can be directed to Amy McKinney or Allen Miller.

e. New Business:

Hygeia Moss-Eggleston has been appointed to the Lawrence County Planning Commission as an alternate member. The Commission can add an additional alternate member. Any suggestions can be forwarded to Amy McKinney.

Action Agenda:

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

SHEETZ Rebuild – Slippery Rock & Shenango Townships: Allen Miller reviewed the County Comments on the plan. Everett Bleakney moved that the Townships take the County comments presented into consideration before approval. Dave Hammond seconded. Motion carried 8-0

Zoning and Municipal Reviews:

New Beaver Borough - Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Restricting the Harboring of Animals in a Residential District

Notifications

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023, at 12:00 PM at The Grill on the Hill, located at 3208 Wilmington Road, New Castle, PA.

Adjournment

Linda Nitch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mary Burris. Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.