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LYCOMING COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Executive Plaza Building
April 21, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Reighard, Brett Taylor, Howard Fry III, Jason Bogle, Chase Kelch, Larry Allison, Denise Reis, Linda Sosniak

MEMBERS ABSENT: - James Crawford

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: *None*

OTHERS PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Shannon Rossman, PCD; Thomas Murphy, Director Penn State Marcellus Center for Outreach and Research(MCOR)

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Michael Wiley, PCD; Commissioner Scott Metzger; Mark Haas, PCD; Chris Hodge PCD; Sherrie Hook, PCD; Mike Reuter, Sun-Gazette; Mark Kreisher, Planning Commission Muncy Creek Township

I. CALL TO ORDER

Joe Reighard called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Joe Reighard asked for the motion to accept the March 17, 2022 meeting minutes. Linda Sosniak motion to approve, Denise Reis second to the motion to approve. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - *None*

IV. OLD & FUTURE BUSINESS

Proposed Solar Ordinance – Mark Haas reviewed updates to the solar ordinance and introduced Thomas Murphy, Director Penn State Marcellus Center for Outreach and Research(MCOR) who presented a virtual tour of solar facilities. After the presentation, questions were asked regarding tracking maintenance, site size vs

profitability, oldest solar farm in PA, soil after grazing of sheep, sound effects, loss of farmlands, possibility of replacing windmill areas, if high voltage disrupts animals/wildlife, noise from fans including decibel readings, decommissioning, solar facilities on flat land vs hilly area, legislature for roof top solar. Thomas Murphy will review our current draft and provide feedback.

Off topic - Thomas Murphy suggested ARPA funds be used to have a covered growers market and install LED lighting under our bridges.

A. SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS

- A. Minor Plans Report – *No questions*. Joe Reighard asked for a motion to ratify. Brett Taylor made motion to approve. Jason Bogle second the motion to approve. Motion carried.

B. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Lycoming County Department of Planning and Community Development Annual Report - Joe Reighard asked for a motion to approval. Linda Sosniak made motion to approve. Chase Kelch second the motion to approve. Motion carried.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION - None

D. MONTHLY REPORTING

- A. PCD Staff Meeting Report
- B. UPI Report
- C. Major Plan Report
- D. Incomplete Submission Update
- E. Land Use Staff Meeting Report

Joe Reighard questioned the March 1st consult with Chelsea Alexander on the Land Use Staff Meeting Report. Mark stated he would follow up with his staff and get back to him with more information.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. WATS/PennDot TIP presentation – Sal went over the 2023-2026 WATS/TIP update. April 5th it went out for public comment. Passage of IJA/BIL resulted in approximately \$38,500,000 increase in funding for WATS MPO 2023-2026 TIP. There are 84 projects - safety projects in Tivoli, US15 South; 52 bridges – five

local bridges – Lewis, Pine, Penn & two in Moreland Township. Public comments end May 5, 2022. June 23rd the WATS MPO Coordinating Committee will tentatively adopt the draft TIP. Larry Allison asked about the bridge in Pine Township, asking if it was the historical bridge in English Center. Sal stated it was not one of the five bridges, but will follow up with a schedule date for the historical bridge. Sal requested a letter of recommendation from the LCPC for the TIP.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *None*

C. ADJOURNMENT

Joe Reighard asked for a motion to adjourn. Brett Taylor first to motion, Larry Allison second to motion to adjourn, Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon L. Rossman, Director

Jason Bogle, Secretary

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