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Chase Kelch, Secretary
Larry Allison, Jr.
Brett Bowes
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**LYCOMING COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Third Street Plaza
January 18, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett Taylor, Jason Bogle, Chase Kelch, Joe Reighard, Denise Reis, Brett Bowes, Beth Miller, Jeffrey J. Stroehmann

MEMBERS ABSENT: *None*

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL/ZOOM: Larry Allison, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT VIA CONFERENCE CALL/ZOOM: Pat Crossley, Sun-Gazette; Charlie Schmehl, Urban Research & Development Corporation

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Michael Wiley; Shannon L. Rossman, PCD; John Lavelle, PCD; Mark Haas, PCD; Chris Hodges, PCD; Sherrie Hook, PCD, Marc Sortman, Lycoming County Commissioner; Garth Womer, Loyalsock Township

I. CALL TO ORDER

Brett Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Brett Taylor asked for the motion to accept the December 21, 2023 meeting minutes. Joe Reighard motion to approve, Beth Miller second the motion to approve. Motion carried.

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

IV. OLD AND FUTURE BUSINESS

A. Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman & Secretary for 2024:

Joe Reighard nominated Brett Taylor as Chairman. Denise Reis second motion. Motion carried.

Joe Reighard nominated Jason Bogle as Vice-Chair. Denise Reis second motion. Motion carried.

Jason Bogle nominated Chase Kelch for Secretary. Beth Miller second motion. Motion carried.

Shannon stated that officers can serve for two consecutive terms and this is the second term for all positions. Shannon also asked Brett Taylor to appoint someone to the Broadband Steering Committee. Brett Taylor nominated Denise Reis.

V. SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS

A. Minor Plans Report – *no questions*

Brett Taylor asked for a motion to ratify. Chase Kelch made motion to approve. Jason Bogle second motion to approve. Motion carried.

VI. ACTION ITEMS - *None*

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION

A. Development Committee – Zoning Update – Mark Haas stated the on-going review and updates to the new Zoning Ordinance and introduced Charlie Schmehl.

B. Charlie Schmehl – Shared high points to the zoning ordinance. The overall concern is excess regulation on routine improvements. The goal of Zoning is to target things that are problematic, public health and safety concerns, nuisances. Another goal is to promote Economic and Development and Entrepreneurship.

Topics discussed: Landscaping, mapping changes, manufactured homes, the Regional Commercial District being kept in the ordinance as a placeholder, mining, use types including Amusement being divided between minor and major, mobile home provisions, cluster provisions, retail farmstead, Moreland Township's request for small retail stores, signage provisions, manure storage and short-term rentals.

VIII. MONTHLY REPORTING – Shannon provided a brief description of the monthly reports.

- A. PCD Staff Meeting Reports
- B. Land Use Staff Meeting Reports
- C. UPI Reports – December and 2023 Year End
- D. Major Plan Report
- E. Incomplete Submission Update – no report, no incomplete
- F. ZHB Case Logs

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS – After Board discussion and concerns regarding NPDES. Joe Reighard asked for and received Board approval to contact Joe Hamm and Gene Yaw on behalf of the Lycoming County Planning Commission.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *None*

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Brett Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn, Joe Reighard first to motion, Denise Reis second to motion to adjourn, Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon L. Rossman, Director

Chase Kelch, Secretary

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