

BERKS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
BERKS COUNTY SERVICES CENTER
633 COURT STREET, 14TH FLOOR.
READING, PA 19601-4309

June 12, 2024

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairwoman Lisa-Weaver-Gonzalez called the monthly meeting of the Berks County Planning Commission to order at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, as a virtual meeting using the platform Microsoft Teams.

The following members were present:

Lisa Weaver-Gonzalez, Vice Chair
Glenn R. Knoblauch
Jodi L. Gauker
Lee C. Olsen, AIA, NCARB, Secretary
Miguel Herrera
Thomas C. McKeon, AICP, CEcD
David Mattes

Also Attending:

David N. Hunter, Sr., AICP, Executive Director
David N. Peris, Assistant County Solicitor
Ashley J. Showers, Assistant Director
Beth Burkovich, GIS Analyst
Taylor Lawrence, Planner III
Laura Mursch, Intergovernmental Planner III
Alan D. Piper, Transportation Planner III
Matthew McGough, Transportation Planner III
Pam Menet, Executive Director Community and Economic Development
Derek Harris, Economic Development Coordinator
Jaime Perez, Housing Planner, County Redevelopment Authority
IS Production, IS Department
Melissa Lewis, IS Department
Kimberly Fies, Deputy Director of Agriculture
Luke Kamp
Kayla Hayick

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. REPORTS OF STAFF

A. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Hunter began his report by welcoming David Mattes as the new member of the Planning Commission Board. There will be a formal introduction in the in-person July meeting.

Mr. Hunter updated the status of the Joint Comprehensive Plans that the staff is currently working on. He also extended an invitation to two events, the Smart Growth Alliance will be meeting on June 26th at 2pm, and Building the Boroughs meeting being held on Thursday, October 3rd 8am to noon. The essence of the meeting is to focus on building in the boroughs and developing housing choices in the boroughs and surrounding townships. More update on the details will be sent out later.

Executive Director Hunter ended his report by sharing the BCPC staff production, Planning Chats. He went on to discussing the details of Planning Chats and any comments on the video.

B. STAFF REPORTS

A. Michelle Franklin

Perma Column LD – Lenhartsville Borough

The proposal is of a Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan submission for the Borough of Lenhartsville. Per last meeting, changes were requested to be made for action to be taken in this meeting and additional conditions were mentioned. The changes requested were made and responded to. Discussion ensued about the changes made and the new conditions outlined.

MOTION: Lee C. Olsen made a motion to a conditional approval to move forward the Lenhartsville Borough Perma Column LD Plan. The motion was seconded by Glenn R. Knoblauch and passed unanimously.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of May 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- B. Land Development & Subdivision Activity Report/Summary
- C. Endorsed Land Development & Subdivision Activity
- D. Final Electric Vehicle Advice

MOTION: Jodi L. Gauker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Glenn R. Knoblauch and passed unanimously.

5. STAFF, STAKEHOLDER AND BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

- A. **None**

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jodi L. Gauker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:30p.m. The motion was seconded by David N. Hunter.

Lisa Weaver-Gonzalez, Vice Chair

Lee C. Olsen, AIA, NCARB, Secretary