

**Venango County Regional Planning Commission
Minutes
Meeting Aug. 19th, 2014**

Those present at the public meeting of the Venango County Regional Planning Commission held at Room 100, Courthouse Annex in Franklin at 6:31PM.

Present:

Willis Thomas - City of Oil City Citizen
Barb Crudo – Oil City Mayor
Bob Cross – Oil City Controller
Albert Abramovic – City of Franklin Citizen
Mike Swatzler – Venango Conservation District
Rodney Gladd – Clintonville Borough Council
John McClelland – Sugarcreek Borough Council
Fred Krizinsky – Mineral Township Supervisor
Ken Garland – Victory Township Citizen
Beth Graham Stumpf – Franklin School Board
Keith Klingler - Oil Creek Township Citizen
Nick Melnick – Cornplanter Township Citizen
Brian Stoltenburg – City of Oil City Citizen

Guests:

Garnet Wood –Franklin City Council
Logan Stumpf – Franklin Citizen
Jordan Stumpf – Franklin Citizen
Sheila Boughner - Press
Vince Witherup – Commissioner
David Neill – EADS Group

Excused:

Staff Present:

Emily Donaldson
Erik Johnson
Judy Barrett
Phil Gryskewicz

Absent:

Dave Owens – Polk Borough Mayor

Monthly board meeting called to order by Bob Cross at 6:30PM.

A majority was present for the meeting. The attendance of 13 board members (of the 14 current appointees) was accounted for by Erik Johnson.

Approval of Minutes

Willis Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from July 15th, 2014 meeting; seconded by Fred Krizinsky; so moved.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

- None

SPECIAL PURPOSE MATTERS

- None

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

- Emily Donaldson presented the Charter Foods North, LLC, Taco Bell, land development to the board. Willis Thomas advised that the Plan Review Committee met to discuss the project and items mentioned on the agenda item briefing summary. He mentioned the committee discussed the possibility of inclusion of pedestrian sidewalk connectivity be included as per recommended in the county SALDO. However, due to the lack of practicality in this instance the committee decided to forgo this as a condition of approval; but, still recommends this as a possibility for inclusion on the project. Bob Cross asked for a motion to give conditional approval to the development based on the provisions being met by the developer in item VI. of the agenda briefing. Ken Garland made this motion, seconded by Barb Crudo; so moved.
- Judy Barrett advised that next month the board should anticipate a submission from Oil Region Astronomical Society.

OFFICER'S AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Executive Committee – Judy Barrett wished to discuss plans for the Annual meeting in November – asking the board for input/suggestions on how they would like the meeting to proceed and best use the time together. Willis Thomas suggested a long range session with the board to work on direction and forgo a facilitator as we have done previously. Bob Cross mentioned that the board should also familiarize/review the by-laws prior to the meeting to address any issues for possible revision. He also advised that the time could be well spent reviewing the Comprehensive Plan to highlight areas for revision. Keith Klingler asked if the “No Net Loss of Land” issue could be addressed and worked into the Comp. Plan at this time. Judy Barrett advised that all revisions should be compiled and submitted to the Commissioners in a packet with updates for public comment and advertisement.
- Plan Review Committee – Nothing further to report
- COG – Garnet Wood advised the next COG to take place Thur., August 21st at Sandycreek Municipal Bldg. at 7PM.
- DEP Roundtable – Keith Klingler reported there was no meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Judy Barrett advised GO Carlson received their air quality permit for the Rouseville facility. Nothing further from staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL

- None.

Motion to adjourn 7:02 PM was made by Willis Thomas, seconded by Ken Garland; so moved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erik Johnson