

Venango County Regional Planning Commission

Minutes

Meeting, August 19, 2008

Those present at the public meeting of the Venango County Regional Planning Commission held at the Venango County Fairgrounds:

Susan Hileman
Warren Thomas
Marc Rickard
Terry Ray
Matt Carlson
Debbra Kapp
Garnet Wood
Ken Garland
Fred Krizinsky
Sonja Hawkins
Neil McElwee

Guests:

Fred Blauser, Cranberry Township
Troy Wood, Venango County Commissioner
Jan Beichner, Venango County Commissioner

Staff Present:

Judith Downs
Ben Breniman
Lynn Lawrence
Willis Thomas

Chairperson Ken Garland called the monthly board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Terry Ray to approve the minutes from July 15, 2008, seconded by Warren Thomas; so moved.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

There were no Special Purpose Matters at this time.

OFFICER'S AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee – It was announced that the Planner II position will not be filled and the duties for this position will be split in-house. The Commissioners approved the filling of the four Planning Commission Board vacancies.

Treasurer's Report – Fred Krizinsky presented the Treasurers report as submitted in the agenda packet. A copy is included in the official records located in the office library.

Plan Review Committee – The Plan Review Committee discussed four items:

A.) The Board was asked to consider conditional approval of the Ferguson Trucking Site Plan in Barkeyville Borough. After discussing the conditional items, a motion was made by Neil McElwee to conditionally approve the Ferguson Trucking Site Plan with the conditions of written comments and zoning approval from the local municipal governing body and planning commission, seconded by Debbra Kapp; so moved.

B.) The Board was asked to consider approval of an appeal of the decision to require the Oil Region Alliance to fence their storm water pond at the Barkeyville Industrial Park. It was discussed that there will be new construction going into an existing pond and the capacity of the existing pond as well as safety issues. A motion was made by Fred Krizinsky to rescind the previous motion to require the fencing, seconded by Warren

Thomas; the motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes, 5 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

After the vote, a motion was made by Susan Hileman for the Planning Commission staff to write a letter to the Oil Region Alliance that the issue of safety was thoroughly discussed and the importance of these requirements outlined in the updated SALDO, seconded by Neil McElwee; so moved.

C.) It was mentioned to the Board that Team Hardinger will have to request a change of permit to the Conservation District for their storm water pond to be considered a dry pond before their bond is released.

D.) Ben Breniman discussed updates to the SALDO.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STAFF REPORTS:

The reports were presented as written and submitted in the agenda packet. A copy is included in the official records located in the office library.

NEW BUSINESS - INFORMATIONAL DISCUSSION:

There were no items in discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments at this time.

A motion to adjourn was made by Matt Carlson at 8:12 p.m. seconded by Warren Thomas; so moved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Lawrence
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