

**Lawrence County Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2020  
The Confluence  
New Castle, PA**

The regular meeting of the Lawrence County Planning Commission was held at the Crane Room, at 12:00 p.m. on February 12, 2020.

**Attendance**

**Planning Commission**

**Board:**

Mary Burris, Chairman  
Everett Bleakney, Vice Chairman  
James Blundo, Secretary (By Phone)  
Karolee Loughhead  
Linda Nitch

**Staff:**

Amy McKinney, Director of Planning  
Allen Miller, Deputy Director of Planning  
Doniele Russell, Deputy Director of Community Development  
Rebecca Shaffer, Greenways & Environmental Planner

**Guests:**

Commissioner Morgan Boyd  
Commissioner Loretta Spielvogel  
Cindy Morabito, Senator Vogel's office  
Angie Urban, New Visions  
Amy Kunselman, LC Builders/ LC Realtors  
Tom Taylor, Hampton Technical Assoc.  
M&M Developers

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Lawrence County Planning Commission was called to order at 12:10 P.M. by Mary Burris.

**Additions/ Deletion to Agenda**

There were no additions or deletion made to the Agenda.

**Public Comments** None

## Regular Agenda

- a. **Approval of minutes** – Everett Bleakney moved, seconded by Karolee Loughhead to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2019 meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.
- b. **Approval of minutes** – Linda Nitch moved, seconded by Karolee Loughhead to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting January 8, 2020 meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.
- c. **Staff Report** -Staff updated the Commission on activities since the December 11, 2019 meeting. The following items were discussed:
  - **Comprehensive Plan/Greenways Plans:** Finalized an agreement with Hudson Forestry Service, LLC to create a Timber Management Plan for the Quaker Falls Recreational Area. The Timber Management Plan will consist of a Steward Management Plan and an Appraisal Plan. Bids for the Quaker Falls Bridge are due on February 24<sup>th</sup> and they will be opened on February 25<sup>th</sup>. County is providing grant assistance to communities that are requesting funds from the 2020 DCNR application round that is due in April. At this time Wilmington Township, Enon Valley Borough and Mahoning Township have requested assistance.
  - **CDBG:** Completing invoice and year end close outs. Border Avenue is under construction with anticipated completion in Spring of 2020. Bell Avenue is set to be completed in the Spring. Union Township ADA improvements have not been completed. Bids for the Shenango Sewer Phase 2 Project are due on February 24<sup>th</sup> and they will be opened on February 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Affordable Housing Plan:** Continuing to work with local partners on revitalization efforts on the South Side and the Lower East side.
  - **League of Municipalities:** Our League of Municipalities will meet on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at the South New Castle Borough Volunteer Fire Department. Scheduling trainings and speakers for 2020.
  - **Complete Count Committee:** We will be holding a training with the Complete Count Committee on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The Census will begin to mail out invitations to complete the Census at the beginning of March and this training will help the CCC develop an action plan to let everyone know that the Census is easy, safe and important.

- **Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission:** SPC Staff and County Staff are in the process of updating the TIP. Attended TTC Meeting and SPC Commission Meeting.
  - Doniele Russell informed the board of her leaving her position at the Planning Department and was so very grateful for the friendships and partnerships created over the years.
- d. **Commissioner Comments:** Commissioner Boyd and Commissioner Spielvogel each acknowledged Doniele's service and dedication to the County and will be greatly missed.
- e. **Old Business:**
- f. **New Business:** Reminder to all board members to turn in their Ethics forms.

### Action Agenda

**Subdivision and Land Developments: Two (2) Land Developments were presented to the Board for recommendations those being:**

- a. **Dollar General – Wampum Borough** – Karolee Loughhead moved to approve it conditionally with modification for Section 905.3 regarding the minimum width of frontage of State Route 18. Everett Bleakney seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.
- b. **Shenango Presbyterian - Neshannock Township** – Linda Nitch moved that the Township take the comments presented into consideration before approval. Karolee Loughhead seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

### Zoning and Municipal Reviews

None

### Notifications

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at Tuscany Square.

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.