

**Planning Commission Meeting
February 3, 2025
6:30 pm, Room 203**

Reorganizational Meeting:

Ben Haupt was appointed temporary chairman and called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Attendees were Chris Kunes, Lindsay Covalt, Ben Haupt, and Keri Miller. Don Myers arrived at 6:44 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to appoint Chris Kunes as Chairman was made by Lindsay Covalt. Second by Keri Miller. Vote was unanimous.

Motion to appoint Keri Miller as Vice-Chairman was made by Lindsay Covalt. Second by Ben Haupt. Vote was unanimous.

Motion to appoint Vicky Vanada as Secretary was made by Ben Haupt. Second by Lindsay Covalt. Vote was unanimous.

Reorganization meeting was closed at 6:38 pm.

Chair Kunes **opened the regularly scheduled PC meeting.**

Public Comments: None

Reports:

1. **BOS** – Given by Ben Haupt.
 - a. Bridge close to OGS, heading towards post office will be replaced this summer, and WPP will be putting new poles in soon.
 - b. BOS has a \$500,000 grant, but the BOS are obtaining information to see what is in dire need. The four options are the boiler, roof, parking lot, or electrical upgrade. McClure Company was here and looked at the boilers and at this time, said they seem to be running fine but they would need to clean them to see if there are any issues. A gentleman from Marcon Roofing looked at the roof today, and he said there is probably still seven years of life left in the roof.
 - c. Regional Planning Commission is discussing Broadband, Verizon, Blackbear. Blackbear is putting two lines in when they are installing.

Keri Miller said that they had the OGS roof black sealed and tarred in 2017. Ben said that Andy Leigy from Marcon said that the roof is in good shape.

2. Zoning Officer Report:

Zoning Officer not present but he sent his monthly report. There were three permits in the township for January 2025.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve November 4, 2024 meeting minutes by Lindsay Covalt. Second by Keri Miller. Vote was unanimous.

New Business:

1. **Possible change to wording in Rec Fee-In-Lieu to include the word "upgrade".** (The current language – Chapter 9, Part 1 – Any funds collected as fees-in-lieu of dedication of open space shall be deposited in an interest-bearing account. This account shall be separate from other municipal accounts and shall be clearly identified for the purpose of funding acquisition and development of recreation facilities. Interest earned on all monies deposited in such accounts shall become funds of that account. Funds from such accounts shall be expended at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors in properly allocable portions of the cost incurred to **design, construct or acquire** the specific recreation facilities that will benefit the subdivision or land development from which they were collected.)

Ben Haupt said that the monies is in the account but according to the language that we cannot use it to upgrade the current parks, ballfield, or even to buy mulch.

Chris Kunes said that the original intent was that some time ago, we had a fair amount of subdivisions and development and the funds were allocated for the purpose of a park in the developing areas. But now, there isn't much subdivision or development. Chris said that the issue is with the last sentence.

Chris Kunes said that some of the money came from what Charles Stover did and what the Millers did back on Bitner Hollow Road and that these properties are close to Old Gregg School.

Keri Miller said that Wes Fahringer, DCNR (mfahringer@pa.gov; Phone number: 570-900-3265) could help us to apply for a grant.

Lindsay Covalt said that her suggestion would be change the wording in the Rec Fee-In-Lieu language to **"design, construct, repair, improve, maintain or upgrade"**.

Chris Kunes said that the Planning Commission was in favor of changing the language.

Lindsay Covalt made a motion to change the Rec Fee-In-Lieu language to "design, construct, repair, improve, maintain and upgrade". Second by Keri Miller. Vote was unanimous.

Subdivision/Development: None

Correspondence: None

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:16 pm by Chris Kunes. Second by Keri Miller. Vote unanimous.

Next Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 3, 2025 @ 6:30 pm, in room 203.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Vanada, Secretary

APPROVED