

MINUTES
WARREN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Warren County Courthouse
Commissioners' Conference Room, 1st Floor
July 11, 2023
5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Warren County Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Paul Pascuzzi at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Andy Brooks, Jacob Pangborn, Paul Pascuzzi, Sheryl Vanco, Gary Wareham, Jeffrey Zariczny

Members Absent: Brian Jennings, Gary Olson

Staff Present: Daniel Glotz, Laurie Burdick, Michael Lyon

Guests Present: Josh Cotton (Times Observer)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of June 6, 2023 were approved unanimously with a motion by Jeffrey Zariczny and a second by Jacob Pangborn. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review Final Draft of Comprehensive Plan, and make recommendation to Warren County Commissioners

Dan Glotz reviewed the Comprehensive Draft Plan Update with the Planning Commission. He thanked everyone for reviewing it. He discussed the changes that were made in comparison to the previous draft that was reviewed by the Commission. He then started with the *Introduction* chapter of the Comp Plan on page 6 and further discussed the following chapters, including *Vision & Goals*, *Priority Focus Areas*, and *Implementation Plan*. He read through and highlighted the various goals, targeted areas, issues/obstacles, and benchmarks for success.

Paul Pascuzzi suggested that when the Comp Plan is updated in ten (10) years, there should be coordination with the City of Warren and the County so their respective Plans are done at separate times.

Paul Pascuzzi also suggested that there be some type of coordination between the County and the City of Warren's Plan as far as promoting redevelopment and revitalization.

Paul Pascuzzi also referred to Page 37 in the Draft and pointed out that one of the issues to support existing businesses and attracting new businesses is that Warren County is not located near any major interstate system, and a discussion took place regarding this issue.

Mr. Glotz stated that Promoting Agri-Tourism programs (on page 66) is an up-and-coming thing. He said they have farms that actually welcome tourists. He has worked with the Ag Extension Office and the Conservation District regarding this topic.

Mr. Glotz discussed the tables that are a part of the Implementation Plan.

Mr. Glotz also reviewed the Appendices with the Commission.

Mr. Glotz stated that this is the County's Plan, accepted by the Commissioners, and housed in the Planning and Zoning Department for the Commission, but the County, as a whole, owns this Plan. He said there are other players involved.

Jeff Zariczny made a motion, with a second by Gary Wareham, contingent on the changes being addressed that were recommended tonight, to recommend that this Plan be adopted by Resolution by the County Commissioners. A vote was taken and all were in favor; motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

SUBDIVISIONS RECENTLY APPROVED:

No questions on the recent subdivisions.

Beard, John K. & Janeen K.	Glade	6/12/2023	WN-543-6458
Cataldo Properties	Conewango	6/15/2023	WN-548-5477/4628/4641
Childrens Home of Bradford PA	Conewango	6/28/2023	WN-548-173/149
Enos, Louis & Diane J.	Farmington	6/29/2023	WN-1-6178
Breon, Stephen	Eldred	6/29/2023	TV-003-3475
O'Neill, Perry; Bimber, Kathryn; & Lyle, Karen	Conewango	6/29/2023	WN-515-8391/8398

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Dan Glotz stated that the focus lately has been on the Comp Plan and the Long-Range Transportation Plan. They have had several meetings with the consultant firm on the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

DEPUTY PLANNING DIRECTOR/ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Michael Lyon reported that he has been talking with someone in Pleasant Township that is interested in opening a micro-distillery. Mr. Lyon will have a draft ordinance prepared for the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 6:23 p.m. by motion of Sheryl Vanco and second by Andy Brooks. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, August 1, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, 1st Floor, Warren County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie A. Burdick
Department Secretary
Warren County Planning & Zoning
204 Fourth Avenue
Warren, PA 16365
814-728-3512
814-728-3517 (fax)

Handwritten text, possibly a signature or date, located in the upper right quadrant of the page.