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DELAWARE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

DATE: January 6, 2021

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: ZOOM

CPB: Art Edel
Matthew Gray
Will Outsen
Dale Downin
Mark Lee
Jim Thomas
Travis O'Dell

STAFF: Shelly Johnson-Bennett, Director
Sean Leddy, Landscape Architect

Will Outsen opened the January meeting of the Delaware County Planning Board at approximately 7:00 PM.

Minutes

Motion by Mark Lee to approve the December meeting minutes, seconded by Art Edel. All in favor. Motion carried.

General Municipal Law 239 Reviews

Referral from the Town of Meredith Town Board, presented by Sean Leddy for an Adoption of their Site Plan Review Law for the Town. A copy of the proposed local law was sent to the County Planning Board for their review before the meeting. Motion by Mark Lee to approve, seconded by Matt Gray. Will Outsen abstained. Motion carried.

Referral from the Town of Meredith Planning Board, presented by Sean Leddy for a Subdivision for RU Sure, LLC/Ron Cieri. The property is located on Spring Valley Road. The applicant is proposing a 2-lot subdivision. One of the lots has an existing home on it. Soils tests were done. Motion by Travis O'Dell to approve, seconded by Art Edel. All in favor. Motion carried.

Referral from the Town of Hamden Planning Board, presented by Sean Leddy for a Subdivision for Perry Bryden, Laura Pickard and Ruth Lucas. The property is located on Chambers Hollow Road. The applicants are proposing a 4-lot subdivision of the Bryden Farm. Motion by Mark Lee to approve with the following conditions: that soils tests are done and pass; and that the Town Hwy Super provides an approval letter for the access, seconded by Travis O'Dell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business

Climate Smart: Shelly informed the Board that we are closely following and monitoring new climate smart laws that were adopted by the State. With Kevin Young's help we will be incorporating some of that language into the National Academy Review Process for the Land Acquisition Program. The new County buildings will be built with climate smart components in mind for points towards the Program. There have been issues with how long solar panels last. The County may be looking into more geo thermal power, heat pumps and insulating the buildings for more energy efficiency.

Nominations: Travis O'Dell made a motion to nominate Will as Chair and Mark as Vice Chair

Reappointments: Travis, Mark, Dale, and James were reappointed by the BOS. Also, Shelly was reappointed as the Director of the Planning Dept.

CPB Vacancy: Mark recommended a couple of residents from Roxbury. Jim knows who they are and will reach out to them to see if either of them would be interested in being a member of the Board.

Shelly updated the Board on COVID in the County. Some staff are still working a few days a week remotely and that is going well. Ned is doing Gym Inspections for the County. The I.T. Dept is using Planning to pilot the "Messenger" software. She gave the Board an update of the GOSR and FEMA flood buyouts. The CPB will continue to meet via ZOOM, as well as some of the Town and Village Planning and municipal boards. Sean finished up with the Census. We received the Census grant; however, only had time to use a portion of the amount awarded. Shelly explained to the Board that because the contract was held up, not much stream work was done. The contract is in place now and we are moving forward with S&W and the grants. The flooding was not too bad in Walton on Christmas Eve. The mitigation projects are making an impact. Graydon presented that information to the BOS. We are continuing to work through issues with Trout Unlimited and FUDR. Sean is designing the Cadosia Creek Boat Launch. Kristin has the SCMP written and we are moving it forward for adoption. Twenty-six mapbooks have been created. The County Comp Plan has been on hold due to COVID. Andy is pulling apart the information already gathered to correlate the common themes. We will be making an inventory of maps, high-lighting topics and deciding what direction we should go in. Ken Pasternak is willing to match the \$80,000 O'Connor railroad grant. He will match it in increments. The money will be used to re-do the Fleischmanns Depot/Freight House. The Project will start with a Historic Report. The IDA will be involved to work on making it a Welcome Center. A lot of people have moved into the area permanently so we are anticipating a lot of 239 reviews in the future.

Motion by Art Edel to adjourn, seconded by Mark Lee. All in favor. Motion carried. The Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.