

HANCOCK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



BOARD PACKET MARCH 17TH, 2021

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**Meeting Dates
2021**

**All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the
Municipal Building Third Floor Conference Room**

Meeting Date	Notice
January 20, 2021	January 13, 2021
February 17, 2021	February 10, 2021
March 17, 2021	March 10, 2021
April 21, 2021	April 14, 2021
May 19, 2021	May 12, 2021
June 16, 2021	June 9, 2021
July 21, 2021	July 14, 2021
August 18, 2021	August 11, 2021
September 15, 2021	September 8, 2021
October 20, 2021	October 13, 2021
November 17, 2021	November 10, 2021
December 15, 2021*	December 8, 2021

- ❖ December meeting cancelled unless there are issues that require approval before the January meeting.

**Officers
2020**

Name	Title
Brett Gies	President
Stephanie Phillips	Vice President
Don Bledsoe	Secretary
Jody O'Brien	Treasurer

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lauren Sandhu, Bret Gies, Christie Ranzau, Jody O'Brien, Stephanie Phillips, Thom Bissell, Duane Boes, Tim Bechtol, Polly Sandhu, Jim Ferguson, Jeff Hunker, Bob Nichols, Matthew Leddy, Christina Muryn,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Ploeger, Fred Rodabaugh, George Walton, Grant Russel, Don Bledsoe, Jerry Wolford, Ed May, Greg Burks

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Cordonnier, Judy Scrimshaw

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER

Brett Gies called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Matt Cordonnier reported that the Committee met last Wednesday and discussed transferring some additional funds into the Emergency Account. There was discussion about placing an ad for a new Planner. Jacob Mercer will be moving into Judy Scrimshaw's position when she retires this year and the new Planner will take over Jacob's position. He has received applications from Africa, India and China along with the locals.

EXPENDITURES

Jody O'Brien deferred to Mr. Cordonnier to help with the explanations, as she was present via phone call. Matt noted that we have the first payments from the City and County as well as several Villages and Townships payments for Associate Memberships.

Christie Ranzau made a motion to approve the expenses. Thom Bissell seconded.

Motion passed 14-0-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Cordonnier then directed the members to the financial reports. He noted a considerable number of Development fees. These are lot splits, variance meeting fees, etc.

Mr. Cordonnier noted that there would be \$13,000 added to the Reserve (Emergency) Account. He believes it has already been deposited, but does not show up for the dates of this report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Thom Bissell made a motion to approve the January 20, 2021 minutes. Jeff Hunker seconded. Motion passed 14-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Cordonnier asked Judy Scrimshaw to comment on an access variance that we have coming up. Ms. Scrimshaw reported that we have a request for a residential driveway for a 6-acre parcel on TR 94 that was created back in 1994. There are several drives for homes close to this, but it is an existing lot prior to the regulations. So he should be able to get a drive, it will be a matter of a location the committee feels would be best for the situation.

CITY REPORT

Christina Muryn reported that she had sent some emails out about operating budget. She reported that the current American Rescue Plan proposed by President Biden will be sending a significant amount of money to the City and Townships, etc. It appears that it will be flexible spending and can be used as the jurisdiction sees fit. She will try to pull together some numbers as far as who gets how much tomorrow and send out a report on that.

Ms. Muryn stated that Covid numbers are heading in the right direction; hospitalizations are down, vaccine numbers are slowly going up. She stated that we are getting 700 doses next week. These are the first doses. They are using the centralized scheduling system through Hancock County. The hospital and our Health Department are doing a great job in their messaging and information.

Jim Ferguson asked if the ones through CVS are a part of that number or are they separate. Ms. Muryn stated that they are in addition to that number. They get reports of any places in the County on the number of doses they receive. She stated that Kroger and CVS did not get any the past 2 weeks. She noted that Kroger had historically received 50 doses per week and CVS had received 50 three weeks ago. Ms. Muryn stated that the State is not sending them vaccines right now. It may have been because they were not using the centralized system and communicating with the local Health Department. There were potentially people coming from other communities to get them here. Jody O'Brien stated that she had received her first shot at CVS and they scheduled her second. Will she not get her second one now? Ms. Muryn replied that yes she will still get that. They are legally obligated to do that. They are just not getting any new first doses right now.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Tim Bechtol stated that they are continuing to work on the three items he had reported on last month – 2nd phase of river benching, Juvenile/Probate Court building, and Litter Landing.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

Jeff Hunker reported that the Fire Department has a new home and a new Chief. They swapped spaces with the Township maintenance building and are now in a newer structure.

Blanchard Township had a fire at their fire station and three other local districts have split up their service area for now to help cover them. Liberty Township is storing a couple of their tankers for them at their site.

BRWP

Lauren Sandhu stated that they are premiering their video project that was funded by the Findlay/Hancock County Community Foundation on Friday February 26 at 11:30. Emails and postcard invitations were sent out for that. Anyone that wants to take part can contact Lauren and she will send you the Zoom link.

DIRECTOR REPORT

Matt Cordonnier reported on the City Planning Commission meeting last week. The Kroger fueling station project was about to be denied, so they withdrew it at the meeting. The Group Home for seniors in the Fox Run neighborhood was denied. An Amazon facility off Crystal Avenue was approved. Amazon will be making \$3-4 million in improvements to the site.

Mr. Cordonnier stated that we are continuing to work some larger projects such as updating the City Land Use Plan, the City Zoning Ordinance, and will start to work with any Villages and Townships that may want to update their Zoning.

Matt reported that there is a potential Brownfield Application this fall.

Mr. Cordonnier noted he has posted the opening for a Planner. Judy has targeted late June 2021 for her retirement. Preparing for that transition, Jacob is working on the next City Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Cordonnier apologized that he did not introduce our newest Board member, Duane Boes at the last meeting. Duane introduced himself and said he looks forward to working with everyone here. Matt commented that Mr. Boes would have a unique perspective coming from living and working in a Township and now moving to the City. Duane stated that he was once on the Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals and had the pleasure of working with Polly Sandhu at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

EXPENDITURES

THE FOLLOWING EXPENDITURES
ARE SUBMITTED FOR YOUR
REVIEW BY JODY O'BRIEN,
TREASURER

MARCH 17TH, 2021

BUDGET

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS
OUR BUDGET BALANCE AS OF
TODAY BY MATT CORDONNIER,
DIRECTOR

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