

MINUTES
ELIZABETHTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
April 28, 2009

The Planning Commission met at 6:30 PM with the following Commissioners in attendance: Everald McDonald, Dick Earhart, Jeff Kinsey, Anita Paynter and Neil Ketchum. Also present were Assistant Borough Manager Roni Ryan.

The minutes of the January 27, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Ketchum and a second by Paynter.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment to be heard.

ELIZABETHTOWN TRAIN STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT

The Planning Commission reviewed the revised plans for the Elizabethtown Train Station Rehabilitation Project. The plans were originally reviewed and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission in 2002. Ryan explained the recent revisions to the plans. Elevators will be installed from the tunnel to each platform, and the platforms are to be raised and lengthened to meet ADA requirements and accommodate full level boarding. The plans maintain original features including improvements to the parking lot, a bus loop and shelter, new sidewalks, ingress to the parking lot from West High Street, new canopies on the platforms, and restoration of the stone train station building. Ryan entertained questions regarding use of the station.

There being no further discussion, the Planning Commission took the following action:

It was motioned by Ketchum, seconded by Paynter, to recommend approval of the Elizabethtown Train Station Rehabilitation Project plans. Motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Ryan reviewed the draft document of the Regional Comprehensive Plan Update. There were numerous comments regarding the format and style of the document. Editorial corrections were noted. It was suggested that maps be provided at different levels to provide a geographic reference to the municipalities, that references be provided for the background information, and that the focus of a vision be included before the implementation section. These and more detailed comments will be provided to the Comprehensive Plan Update steering committee. The draft document will also be reviewed at a meeting on April 30th at the West Donegal Township building for elected officials and Planning Commission members from the four municipalities.

Other Business

Ryan reported that Thomas Hylton, author of Save our Land, Save our Towns, presented at Elizabethtown College on Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roni Ryan
Assistant Borough Manager