

MINUTES
September 10, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Monroe County Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at the Monroe County Planning Commission's conference room, Stroudsburg, PA. The meeting was called to order by Annette Atkinson at 5:00 p.m.

Members present were: Annette Atkinson, Chris Borger, Roger McFadden, Troy Nauman, and Nicole Murray. Rich Schlameuss appeared via teleconference.

Others present were: James Fareri, Solicitor; Nate Oiler, Engineer; Ellen Gnandt, Pocono Township Commissioner; Dawn Eilber; and Cynthia Gregor.

Monroe County Planning Commission Staff members: Christine Meinhart-Fritz, Director; Eric Koopman, Lead Senior Planner; Julia Sherer, Senior Environmental Planner; Nathaniel Staruch, Infrastructure Planner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Gregor and Ms. Eilber provided the board with a presentation concerning a cell tower being proposed on Skyline Drive in Pocono Township. They highlighted the environmental, health, and community impact of the proposed development, as well as technical issues related to the potential development. Discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Borger and seconded by Mr. McFadden to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024 board meeting. Motion carried.

OVERVIEW OF SUBMITTED PLANS AND AMENDMENTS

SUBDIVISION PLANS

Mr. Koopman provided information to the board on subdivision plans. Copies of the subdivision plan reviews and comments are on file in the Planning Commission office

A motion was made by Mr. Borger and seconded by Ms. Murray to approve the review comments for the subdivision plans as previously submitted to the respective municipalities for consideration during their decision making process. Motion carried.

LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Mr. Koopman provided information to the board on land development plans. Copies of the land development plan reviews and comments are on file in the Planning Commission office.

A motion was made by Mr. Borger and seconded by Ms. Murray to approve the review comments for the land development plans as previously submitted, and amended, to the respective municipalities for consideration during their decision making process. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Koopman provided information to the board on ordinance amendments. Copies of the Ordinance Amendments and comments are on file in the Planning Commission office.

A motion was made by Mr. Borger and seconded by Mr. McFadden to approve the review comments for the ordinance amendments as previously submitted, and amended, to the respective municipalities for consideration during their decision making process. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Meinhart provided the board with an update of the Vector Control Program. This year to date there have been 18 positives for West Nile Virus within the county. Discussion followed.

Mr. Staruch then provided an overview of GIS work being done in support of watershed mapping. Mr. Staruch also detailed work being performed in coordination with the Pocono Mountain Economic Development Corporation for the Governor’s program to identify potential sites for industrial development. There are approximately 20 potential sites. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Murray and seconded by Mr. McFadden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Annette Atkinson, Chairman

Eric Koopman, Lead Senior Planner