

**MINUTES**  
**August 13, 2024**

The monthly meeting of the Monroe County Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, July 9, 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, Charles Vogt; Chris Borger; Roger McFadden, Troy Nauman, and Nicole Murray

Others present were: James Fareri, Solicitor; Nate Oiler, Engineer; Commissioner Sharon Laverdure; Alex Jackson, county resident, and Charles Stecker, Jr., Envision Housing. Commissioner David Parker appeared via teleconference.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Vogt and seconded by Mr. McFadden to approve the minutes of the July 9, 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 Ms. Murray and seconded by Mr. Borger 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. Nauman 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.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Ms. Meinhart informed the board that the Adaptive Reuse Study for the former County Jail is in draft form and will be made available to the board for review. She then informed the board that the County Comprehensive Plan is in the early stage of being updated and a Request for Proposal will need to be made.

Ms. Sherer reported that the annual agricultural program inspections have been completed and that 127 farms have been involved.

Ms. Murray gave an update of real estate trends over the past month and Mr. Stecker introduced himself and provided an overview of the function of Envision Housing along with a summary of the state of attainable housing trends within the county. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Vogt and seconded by Ms. Atkinson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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Annette Atkinson, Chairman

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Eric Koopman, Lead Senior Planner