

FORKS TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION

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The Forks Township Planning Commission (PC) Workshop Meeting was held at the Forks Township Municipal Building, 1606 Sullivan Trail, Easton, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Heck followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PC Members Present:

Ian Heck, Chairman
Eric Konecke, Vice Chairman
Matt Menkowski, Secretary
Anthony Klapatch
Matt Sprung
Hunter Keim, Alternate
Jeremy McIntosh, Alternate

Members Absent:

Kevin Jiorle
Robert Rusnak

Others Present:

Sean Policelli, Gilmore & Associates

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 13, 2023 Planning Commission meeting were discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Konecke, seconded by Mr. Menkowski, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0-2. Messrs. Klapatch and McIntosh abstained.

REPORTS – None.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Transportation Plan

Mr. Klapatch explained that the Pennsylvania Walk Works is a collaboration between PA downtown center and the Department of Health for municipalities to apply for grants to form

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an active transportation plan. This includes walking, cycling and public transportation. He attended their webinar on April 9th and emailed some of this information to the PC. Township Engineer explained that if pursuing these grants, this would not be a pre-requisite for construction grants. He referenced two grants that can be applied for at this time: DCED grants: Greenways Trails and Recreation Program, and Multi-modal Fund. DCNR grant and PennDOT MTF grants are also possible. Township Engineer explained the WalkWorks grant and matching funds grants. Sullivan Trail corridor was discussed regarding sidewalks, crosswalks, etc. Mr. Klapatch identified areas that needed to be improved or possibly add sidewalks, crosswalks. This information is available on the shared drive. Focus should be for improving trails, biking, walking, pedestrians, crosswalks, safety. Discussion ensued regarding several developments and adding sidewalks and crosswalks. This will be further discussed at other workshop meetings before submitting a request to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Klapatch will send this information to PC members so they can review and make comments.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

DISCUSSION

Having no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Konecke, seconded by Mr. Menkowski to adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried. All in favor.