MINUTES OF NITTANY VALLEY PLANING REGION

OCTOBER 17TH, 6:30 PM 2019,

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA INSITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

PUBLIC HEARING OF MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES – CONSIDERATION OF THE NITTANY VALLEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE FOR 2020-2030.

Municipalities had an opportunity to review public displays of updated plans; Housing, Demographics, Future Land Use, Economic Development and Public Safety from 6:30pm to 7pm.

7pm David Capperella, Chairman called the Hearing to order followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Mr. Capperella introduced Bill MacMath, Spring Township Manager and Elizabeth Lose, Senior Planner, Centre County Planning and Community Development Office.

Mr. Capperella introduced Tracy Benson as Facilitator of the Public Meeting and turned the meeting over to Mr. Benson.

Mr. Benson explained the purpose of the Public Hearing is to provide the public the opportunity to provide input and/or ask questions in relation to the Comprehensive Plan updates.

Updates are recommended to be provided every 10 years, this current update is the first update since the development of the Comprehensive Plan in 2004. As the plan update is 5 years past due and would again in 2020, the timing of the ten-year review was adjusted to run from 2020 to 2030.

Mr. Benson introduced Mr. MacMath to speak to the updated Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. MacMath stated that the not all areas of the Comprehensive Plan were updated based on current conditions not have any changes and are current to existing plan.

MacMath reiterated the 10-year review of the Comp. Plan is not cast in stone but it is a guide to follow in order to be as current as possible. Mr. MacMath spoke to the updates of the areas the NVJPC felt were important to address, Housing, Future Land Use, Economic Development, Housing and Public Safety. Mr. MacMath then introduced Elizabeth Lose for additional comments.

Ms. Lose's comments mirrored Mr. MacMath's and provided a brief history of how the Comprehensive Plan was developed in 2004 using a third-party resource. Ms. Lose then commented that this current update, was completed solely by the NVJPC members over the past 5 years. Ms. Lose commended current past members of the NVJPC for their work. Ms. Lose added that due to the review the NVJPC members determined that important area the needs to be addressed is Public Safety and that a ADHOC Committee has been appointed to review Fire Services to determine how the existing Fire Services in the Nittany Valley Region may be able to work together to share services, assess current and future needs and develop a plan.

Mr. Benson asked for public questions and feedback. Mr. MacMath recognized Elizabeth Lose, Senior County Planner for her assistance to NVJPC for her assistance and guidance throughout the update process. There were no additional public questions or input.

Mr. Benson turned the Hearing back to Mr. Capperella who closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Capperella, Chairman directed Municipalities to their reserved tables to discuss approval of the Comprehensive Plan Update for 2020-2030.

All Member Municipalities were present, each with quorums. At end of discussion by Municipalities the plan was approved unanimously.

Bellefonte Borough – Yes to approve.

Benner Township – Yes to approve

Marion Township – Yes to approve

Spring Township – Yes to approve

Walker Township – Yes to approve

Benner Township Supervisors
October 17, 2019

The special meeting of the Benner Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by the Chairman Randy Moyer with member David Wise present. Mark Capriani was absent. Also in attendance was Sharon Royer.

The purpose of this special meeting was to consider for adoption Resolution 19-4 which approves the amended Nittany Valley Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Wise moved to approve Resolution 19-4 as presented. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Capriani – absent   Mr. Wise – yes   Mr. Moyer – yes

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned the time being 7:20 p.m.

Sharon Royer, Secretary