

**Tuscarawas County Regional Planning Commission Board Minutes  
Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

**Tuscarawas County Commissioners' William E. Winters Board Room  
County Office Building (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
125 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663**

The Tuscarawas County Regional Planning Commission meeting was held in the County Commissioners' William E. Winters Board Room on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Mike Jones, Vice Chairman, chaired the meeting. There were 13 members, 2 guests and 2 staff present.

- Item 1      Approval of the September 12, 2017 Minutes**  
Joe Bachman made a motion to approve the minutes. Don Ackerman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Item 2      Approval of the September 2017 Financial Report**  
John Fondriest made a motion to approve the financial report as amended. Pat Cadle seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Item 3      Approve Preliminary Budget for 2018**  
Sam Wise made a motion to approve the preliminary 2018 Budget as amended. John Fondriest seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Item 4      2018 Nominating Committee report**  
Don Ackerman reported they are still working on it. No one has come forward to express an interest in serving as an officer for next year.
- Item 5      Legal Counsel**  
Jill Lengler reported that we no longer have Michael Cochran as legal counsel due to his retirement. She reported that Dave Hanhart has agreed to represent the RPC. Chris Abbuhl reported that Bob Stephenson is also willing to represent RPC. Joe Bachman asked if it would be Bob's position as Assistant Prosecutor or his private practice. Chris was not sure. Jill will continue to work on this.
- Item 6      Director's Report – Meetings Attended**  
9/13/17 – TAC meeting at ODOT District 11  
9/14/17 TMHA Hearing  
9/19/17 = CIC Meeting  
9/20/17 – Dover Shade Tree Meeting  
9/22/17 County Auditor's Training  
9/25/17 – Ohio Active Transportation webinar  
9/26/17 – Attended COE public meeting on releasing more water from Dover Dam  
9/29/30 - Attended kick-off meeting for Dover City Schools Safer Routes to School. OMEGA is doing survey and once complete will have a report that will enable Dover City and Dover School to go after grants thru ODOT for education and construction.  
10-3-17 - Gave Presentation to Barnett Realty on Lot Splits and Flood Plains

10-4-17 Tri county (Coshocton, Holmes, Tuscarawas Regional Active  
Transportation Plan meeting  
10-5-17 TMHA Hearing  
10/5/17 Floodplain site visit- Eagle Truck Stop  
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Issues

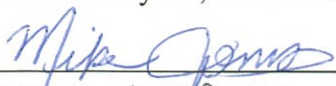

ODOT doesn't want to do Access Management for lot splits. Joe Bachman recommended we not require them to do it if they are going to do a wishy-washy job. Meeting set up at 10 am with ODOT on Thursday Oct. 26. Would love some support.

Health Department on lot sewage system review and permits (have we had any issues with water wells?)

- Lots of complaints from title companies and realtors about length of time to get them reviewed.
- If structure empty, won't inspect septic until someone has lived their six months- Can't get bank loan if no septic approval.
- Issues with is it approved or isn't it? One suggestion was to have an escrow account set up for 6 months period. If it fails, money there to pay (or partially pay) to fix it or no problem it gets returned to originally owner. Sometimes original owner has no equity to do this. Puts strain on Title Company, banks not willing to do it?
- Should RPC require soil evaluation for under 2 acre parcels as part of lot split approval? It is around \$1,000. Do it now or do it later, it has to be done. Are we being too protective of buyers?

Walk-ins and phone calls have increased with questions about lot splits and DPD's.

Mike Jones asked if there was anything else. Hearing none. Mike Jones asked for a motion to adjourn. John Fondriest made the motion. Bill Miller seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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Absent  
Tedd Finlayson, Chairman  
  
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Mike Jones, Vice Chairman  
  
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Gloria Steiner, Secretary

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