

Planning Commission Minutes  
Thursday April 21, 2022 – 7:00 PM  
Old Academy Building  
315 Main Street  
Odessa, DE

Those present at 7:00 pm

- Carole Coleman
- Connie Miller
- David Sydnor
  
- Mayor Harvey Smith

Also Attending: Tricia Arndt, State Planning  
Cooper Bower, DELDOT

- I. Meeting called to order – 7:10 pm
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes from 3/17-22

**MOTION BY CONNIE MILLER, SECONDED BY DAVID SYDNOR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 17, 2022 AS WRITTEN**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN**

- III. New Business – *None*
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Continued update of the Comprehensive Plan
    - Cooper Bower from DELDOT asked the commission what their goals for the Town and the Comprehensive Plan would be, for the 10 year outlook, so that he could offer suggestions.
      - Concerns about the bridge over the Appoquinimink and the flooding that continues even after DELDOT made some drainage repairs, specifically at approaches to the bridge.
      - Commissioners stated that additional signage should be added, and possibly flooded road warning signs, closer to Rt 13 that there is an issue with flooding at the bridge.
      - Commissioners suggested that an inspection of the bridge and approaching roads should also be considered by DELDOT.
      - Main Street speeding continues to be an issue.
      - Comp. Plan should also consider traffic calming changes on Main St.
      - School District was notified of bus traffic and there has been some reduction of buses on Main Street.
      - Mr. Cooper was also notified today that there may be funding available through a program of DELDOT'S to help with costs of the comprehensive plan.

- A question was asked about bringing back the DART Bus stop at the park and service to Odessa.
- The commission would also research pedestrian and bicycle updates and to see if any of the information currently in the plan is still relevant.
- Tricia Arndt, State Planning reviewed
  - Tricia distributed copies of the time-line schedule for reports and completion of the plan.
  - It is not necessary to have as many graphs in our new plan, but the plan should still be the guiding force when making decisions concerning future plans for the Town.
  - State Planning can also put the commission in touch with people that can help with graphs and additional information.
  - Since plans for Odessa Commons have not been finalized, those could be an amendment to the plan if they come in later.
  - We are also nearing the may deadline for PLUS review.
  - The State Planning no longer requires printed copies of the plan, so as long as we have digital copies, it would not be necessary to have several printed versions.
  - A copy of the final plan should also be uploaded to the website.
  - Will need to set up some type of public hearing for the Towns residents to review and note on meeting postings that the public is invited to participate and comment.
  - Cooper Bowers will get additional information about biking, and pedestrian projections.
  - Tricia will see if she can set up census data and state strategies.
- Commission members decided to meet every 2 weeks to help prepare the plan for PLUS review.

## V. Adjournment

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm

**MOTION BY CONNIE MILLER, SECONDED BY DAVE SYDNOR TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:45 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN**