

**GREENE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 AT 6:00 PM HYBRID IN-PERSON WITH REMOTE VIA TELEPHONE AND ELECTRONIC MEANS.

Members present: Ron Williams, Chairman
Michael Traber, Vice Chairman
John McCloskey, Member
Mark Kelp, Member
Angela Hawkins, Member

Staff present: Jim Frydl, Planning Director & Zoning Administrator
Earl Keys, Zoning Officer
Cristy Snead, Secretary

NOTICE

The Planning Commission meeting was held in-person/hybrid with remote via telephone and electronic means, viewed by the link below or Zoom:

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The Planning Commission will begin the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Dial-in
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CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Each Commissioner stated their name to establish a quorum.

Mr. McCloskey
Mr. Kelpé
Ms. Hawkins
Mr. Traber
Mr. Williams

There was a quorum with five Commissioners present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Williams stated they would start the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORK SESSION

Isabella O'Brien of Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission is presented a bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure assessment.

Ms. O'Brien explained that in 2006 the Town of Stanardsville began moving forward with their streetscape improvement project as a part of the "STAR" (Stanardsville Area Revitalization) effort. Ms. O'Brien stated in addition to what the Town has completed, the sidewalks, street lights, and a new pedestrian bridge are coming. In 2019 the Jefferson Area Bike and Pedestrian Plan made the following recommendations to enhance Stanardsville Multimodal network:

- Shared use path (bicycle and pedestrian) in several areas of Stanardsville
- Complete phase two of the streetscape project

Ms. O'Brien then explained the process to study the needs and gave collected data for facilities used by pedestrians. She gave definitions of pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, as well as definitions of components of a multimodal network. Ms. O'Brien then gave recommendations that could be included in the revitalization of Stanardsville.

Ms. O'Brien concluded saying that she is able to support localities with possible grant opportunities through her position on staff at the TJPDC.

Mr. Kelpé asked if the county can request to have the developer add sidewalks to their plans. Mr. Frydl explained that there would have to be a specific impact created by the developer before asking them to do so.

Mr. Frydl stated that we would like to add this to the transportation chapter of our comprehensive plan and recommend that this also be added to the Stanardsville Comprehensive Plan.

Education Chapter

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh was in attendance to discuss the education chapter of the comprehensive plan. Dr. Whitmarsh presented the schools strategic plan which is what the education chapter information is based upon. She stated that the school division established five core values that give the division leaders, the teachers and staff tools for transforming the educational landscape to meet the needs of their learners. Dr. Whitmarsh went on to say that the core values establish a focus on skills, knowledge, and abilities that Greene County graduates will need to excel in their post-secondary lives. She stated the components of the five core values continue to form the framework for teaching and learning in their school division. These five core values are as follows:

- Culture of Excellence
- Safe, supporting, and caring schools
- Resource stewardship
- Connections and partnerships with the community
- Exceptional workforce

There was discussion about teacher salaries in Greene County and whether they are under paid for the area and if the division unable to fill open positions. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that they are actually paying median salaries compared to other localities in our region. She stated that there have been educators that have retired and there is a large issue because fewer people are wanting to become educators.

The commission expressed to Dr. Whitmarsh how well the schools handled education during the pandemic.

Ms. Hawkins asked if there are any capital improvement plans that the school administration is going to request this year. Dr. Whitmarsh stated that there is a need for a new elementary school, she stated that this was five to ten years down the road. There are alternative education classes that are in trailers, and the Vo-tech needs an addition or more space Dr. Whitmarsh stated.

Mr. Traber asked Dr. Whitmarsh if she could add some of the things that were discussed in the goals and implementations section of the education chapter. Dr. Whitmarsh stated she could do that.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearing

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

No old/new business

MINUTES

Mr. Kelp made the motion

Mr. McCloskey seconded

August 17, 2022, minutes were approved 5-0

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Ruckersville Advisory Committee – Mr. Frydl advised that the RAC focused on updating Ruckersville Area Plan at their September meeting.

Town of Stanardsville – Mr. Frydl stated that the Town Council had smaller version of the meeting that we had today. Ms. O'Brien was there and gave her presentation on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure assessment. Mr. Frydl stated that the town's new bridge will be installed on 9/22/2022. The bridge will be put in place but will not be open at that time. The Farm animal ordinance will be voted on by the town council next month.

Next Month's Agenda – Mr. Frydl stated the work session will be the land use chapter. There is a possibility that the CIP documents will be ready for review.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,
Cristy Snead,
Secretary



Planning Commission, Chairman