

Meadville Planning and Zoning Commission
May 2nd, 2024

Attendees: Jason Ramsey, Jack Harkless, Lee Scandinaro, Julie Wilson, Peter Grella (City Planner), Courtnay Dodge, Autumn Vogel

1. **Call to order.** Jason called to order at 4:30 pm.
2. **Public Comment.** None.
3. **Approve Minutes.** Courtnay motioned to accept the minutes. Jack seconded. Passed unanimously.
4. **Crawford Inspired - Zach Norwood.** Presentation: "The most powerful words in the English language... Tell me a story." Pat Conroy. This is a story about where we've been. Where we are now. And where we go. Crawford County is declining in population. In 2000 we had 90k. In 2040 we're projected to have 73k. The plan is about attracting 1,000 residents in the next decade. More information from the presentation is available at www.crawfordinspired.com. Next steps are to Release Plan + Start Adoption through July - August 2024.

Discussion: Crawford County is moving to a "Planning Districts" approach of multi-municipal planning. The Cambridge Springs area and Titusville area are already committed to this. Zach says Meadville should consider a multi-municipal plan or use the character area map found in the Crawford Inspired plan.

Courtnay shares skepticism regarding multi-municipal planning. Zach says Crawford County will "back up" intergovernmental planning approaches. Zach says the state of PA is investing dollars in multi-municipal planning. Meadville currently has land use sharing between Conneaut Lake and Sadsbury Township. 2/3 of Crawford County's historic preservation/design has been entered into a GIS database. Zach is not what the strategy will be for the county land bank.

Crawford County did not receive any qualifying applications for Act 152 funds in the "first round." Act 152 fees are specifically for demolition funds that would be accrued when a property is purchased/sold (\$5-\$15).

5. **Redevelopment Areas Update.** Continuing funneling photographs to Julie and Jack. The rest of the conversation is tabled for our next meeting.
6. **City Comprehensive Plan Update.** Tabled.
7. **Other.** Peter will bring more existing conditions documents for the redevelopment areas. Peter will include a skeleton of a redevelopment plan for our next meeting. Lee will bring information for the Vacant Property Plan. Brief discussion about trees being destroyed at Huidekoper Park and how the Planning Commission could or could not make a recommendation to the City. Councilwoman Vogel will

bring this to the City for discussion at a future council meeting. Zach says the county can help enforce plans through contracts as well.

8. **Adjournment.** Lee moves to adjourn. Julie second. Meeting closes at 5:42 pm.