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**Bath County Planning Commission**

**Bath County Courthouse – Room 115**

**September 22, 2014 - PUBLIC HEARING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Cowden (Vice-Chair), John Loeffler, Jason Miller

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael Grist (Chair), Trudy Woodzell

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** Mike Bollinger (press)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sherry Ryder

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Vice-Chair Cowden** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT—MATTERS UNRELATED TO THE AGENDA:** None

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING: 2014-19 Comprehensive Plan Up-Date**

**Vice-Chair Cowden:** He informed everyone present that they were there to receive input from the public on the Comprehensive Plan final draft. An e-mail has been received from Mr. & Mrs. Gary Robinson, who have made some suggestions on Karst. I believe we all agree this would be a valuable addition under Land Use objectives. The wording will now be, “Develop a current map of Karst features that could aid landowners and developers in making land use decisions.”

**John Loeffler and Jason Miller** both agreed with that decision.

**Vice-Chair Cowden** advised Mrs. Ryder to add that wording to the end of Objectives on page 11-27 “O”

**Vice-Chair Cowden:** Sherry sent out, by e-mail, a list of changes from the last meeting.

**Sherry Ryder:** Those were all of the suggestions from the last work session on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Vice-Chair Cowden** inquired whether anyone had heard anymore comments.

**John Loeffler and Jason Miller** both said they had not heard any.

**John Loeffler:** He stated that he thought that everyone had done a good job with updating the Comprehensive Plan. We have notified the public in multiple ways, and to find the Comprehensive Plan they can look on the County web-site, at the library, or it can be sent to them by e-mail. He stated that the Planning Commission had given them the opportunity to speak and voice their opinion. He stated that they had taken care of everything that was brought to their attention.

**Sherry Ryder:** The latest final draft with edits was sent by e-mail to folks who participated in the Comp Plan update process and Eddie Hicklin was the only one I heard back from. The Board of Supervisors meeting will be the second Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The Public Hearing needs to be announced in the Recorder, so the Public Hearing will be November 11<sup>th</sup> at the earliest, if they have decided for it to be heard in November.

**Vice-Chair Cowden:** He asked for a motion to add the objectives for Land Use goals and pass the amended Comprehensive Plan for adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

**John Loeffler** made a motion to make recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan 2014-2019 as amended with the bullet under objectives regarding Karst.

**Jason Miller** seconded the motion.

**VOTE: 3-0**

**Sherry Ryder** encouraged the Planning Commission to join her at the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing meeting on November 11. She will let them know if the date changes.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** none

**STAFF REPORT:** In packet

**Sherry Ryder:** You have a copy of the Staff Report that was given to the Board of Supervisor, dated August 7<sup>th</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also, we had money set aside in the current budget to start working on editing the Tax Parcel Maps and maybe get some training. That started today, with a telephone conference call.

We are now located on the second floor with the Administrative offices. We are in the old offices of Mountain, Soil and Water.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Sherry Ryder:** The Flood Plan ordinance and the re-zoning in Mitchelltown will be heard by the Board of Supervisor on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Vice-Chair Cowden:**Our next meeting will be October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**MINUTES**

**Vice-Chair Cowden:** The minutes of August 25<sup>th</sup> can't be voted on due to absences of two members. The August 25, 2014 minutes will be voted on at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Jason Miller** made a motion to carry the minutes of August 25, 2014 over to the October meeting

**John Loeffler** seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0**

**John Loeffler** made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Vice-Chair Cowden** adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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Vice-Chair John Cowden

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Date