

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING

MARCH 21, 2022

Borough Chambers * 601 Water Street * Wrightsville

The Planning Meeting of the Borough of Wrightsville governing body convened at 6:30pm on Monday, March 21, 2022. Council President Giandalia called the meeting to order and led the salute to the American Flag.

In attendance: Council President Giandalia, Councilman Landis, Councilman McDonald, Councilman White, Mayor Slenker, Treasurer Brenner, Secretary Hoff

Absent: Vice President Lyle and Councilman Gromling

PATRONS:

Silas Chamberlin, VP, Economic Development – York County Economic Alliance:

Mr. Chamberlin presented a brief presentation of York County Trail Town Action Plan to all those in attendance. Mr. Chamberlin noting the borough's proximity to "footpaths.. the Northwest (Lancaster County) River trail, The Susquehanna River itself" and nearby state and county parks. Mr. Chamberlin noted "Wrightsville is really a hub for outdoor recreation with lots of great assets". Mr. Chamberlin relayed to those in attendance that in 2021, the York County Economic Alliance added Wrightsville Borough to the Trail Towns Program which is funded through a \$750,000 grant from Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). The first year of the program focused on towns along the Heritage Rail Trail. During the past year, an action team has engaged in the Wrightsville community with a survey that was conducted with over 25 business and community leaders; and held a walking tour of town to assess the town, local businesses and trailhead parking and access. During that time the action team voted to make the following priorities: improve walkability, bike and river access, improve downtown Hellam Street and attract businesses that benefit the Trail Town atmosphere.

Wrightsville poised to take advantage of being "hub" for outdoor recreation

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Wrightsville sits at a confluence of outdoor recreation activities — and through its participation in the York County Trail Towns program it is poised to take advantage of the economic development activities that benefit from it.

The topic was part of an update about that participation from Silas Chamberlin, vice president of economic development from the York County Economic Alliance, at Wrightsville Borough Council's March 21 meeting.

Chamberlin cited the borough's proximity to "footpaths ... the Northwest (Lancaster County) River Trail ... the (Susquehanna) river itself" and nearby state and county parks.

"Wrightsville is really a hub for outdoor recreation," he said. "Lots of great assets, and Wrightsville really sits at the heart of that."

In 2021, the YCEA added the borough to the Trail Towns Program as it started its second year, which was funded through a \$750,000 grant from the state Department of Community and

Economic Development. The first year focused on towns along the York County Heritage Rail Trail from York City to New Freedom.

In the past year, an action team has engaged the Wrightsville community with a survey; conducted more than 25 interviews with business and community leaders; and held a walking tour of town to assess the town character, businesses and trailhead access and parking. The team's work culminated in a community meeting last November.

Those at the meeting voted to make the following priorities: improve walkability, bike and river access, improve appearance of downtown Hellam Street, expand and attract businesses that benefit the Trail Town atmosphere and market Wrightsville as "the eastern hub" for trails and recreation.

From those, a number of high priority action items rose to the top, Chamberlin said. They include installing streetscaping downtown, providing signage for the Mason-Dixon trail, bike route and river access, improving facades for commercial buildings on Hellam Street and more. Chamberlin said YCEA will work on implementing the plan and not place the burden on Wrightsville.

"YCEA certainly sees this as our program that we're doing in partnership with the Trail Town communities and action teams, and we're committed to moving it forward," he said, adding that \$20,000 has already been allocated for work in Wrightsville.

ACTION ITEMS:

No action items

BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance:

Treasurer Brenner provided a financial overview of grant fund projects to all members in attendance. Treasurer Brenner also provided all council members in attendance with financial reports on all grant fund projects.

Councilman Landis made a motion to pay Michael Gromling 20 hours of accrued vacation time for payroll ending March 19, 2022. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Public Works:

No report

Public Safety:

No report

Community & Economic Development:

No report

Parks & Recreation:

Councilman Landis made a motion to host an annual community yard sale, waiving all permit fees/requirements for borough residents, on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Councilman White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Personnel:

No report

Complaint Committee:

No report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

No additional business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Landis made a motion to adjourn the March 21, 2022 Planning Meeting of the governing body of Wrightsville Borough. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammie Hoff, Borough Secretary