

**Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Summary
June 8, 2022**

Attendance:

James Thornton
Diane Sengstacke
Aaron Penman

P&Z Staff:

Jenny Jarkowski
Jennifer Freeman

Also in Attendance:

Matt Kropp – Planning and Zoning
Linda J. Ploener – Emergency Services

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) **Minutes/Summary**

The PAB members approved the summary of the April 2022 PAB meeting.

- 3) **2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

Linda Ploener and Matt Kropp presented. This is a mandatory plan that needs to be submitted. They explained hazard mitigation is any action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from disasters, thereby lessening the impact of disasters. There needs to be a FEMA approved plan to receive assistance including funding. Local HM plans need to be updated every 5 years to comply with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. They explained that this a multi-jurisdictional plan that includes the three municipalities. They went over the timeline that is being followed for the updated plan. They also went over what information is required for the plan: Hazards, Critical Facilities, Floodplain Management, Capability Assessment, and Plan Integration. They talked about the top 7 hazards: Drought, Flood, Severe Thunderstorms, Tornado, Public Health Emergencies, High Winds, and Severe Winter Storm. They discussed the coordination of the various departments to develop the updated plan along with the outreach efforts. They talked about the National Flood Insurance Program and

Community Rating System. The HMP describes all available data and how we utilize it for targeting mitigation projects.

Ms. Sengstacke asked if public input would have any impact. Ms. Ploener said yes. Mr. Thornton asked when does FEMA accept the plan. Ms. Ploener said they will give their approval in July. Mr. Thornton asked is APG is involved at all. Ms. Ploener said they are invited into our process. Mr. Thornton asked if they try to come up with solutions during Capital project budget to help the situation. Or is it too infrequent? Ms. Ploener said they run a cost benefit analysis to meet FEMA's funding standards. Mr. Kropp said they have purchased properties with FEMA funds. They are now open space. Mr. Thornton asked how those properties are identified. Mr. Kropp said that properties have to have 2 or more significant flood losses in a 10-year period, they are identified as repetitive loss properties by FEMA. Mr. Thornton asked if there was a list that was public. Mr. Kropp said that there are "repetitive loss areas" that are generalized enough that they can be made public. Mr. Penman said it sounds like it needs to be constantly updated so it can be ready every five years. Mr. Kropp said yes. Mr. Penman asked if the County also has to fund disasters or is it all FEMA. Ms. Ploener said it usually is a 75/25 percent match. Mr. Thornton said the county that is best prepared gets more money. Ms. Ploener said yes. Ms. Ploener and Mr. Kropp stated that for the first time, the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan will be posted online, available on both Departments webpages.

4) Other Business

There will be no PAB meetings in July or August.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM.