

**MINUTES**  
**MIFFLIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL DINNER MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011**  
**LEWISTOWN COUNTRY CLUB – 6:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members**

Susan Heimbach, Chair  
Dan Dunmire, Vice Chair  
John Pannizzo, Secretary  
Neal Shawver  
Brent Miller  
Kent Spicher

**Staff**

Bill Gomes, Director  
Jim Lettiere, Community Development Administrator  
Doug Marks, Rehabilitation Specialist/Construction Manager  
Mark Colussy, Associate Planner  
Jodie Barger, CDBG Bookkeeper/Secretary  
Millie Sunderland, Office Manager/Grants Manager  
Donna Baer, Fiscal Assistant

**Guests**

Don Baker, PA Cleanways of Mifflin County; Marcie Barber, The Juniata Valley Bank; Representative Kerry Benninghoff; Craig Bubb, Lewistown Water Authority; Sue Burkholder, Representative Kerry Benninghoff's Office; Megan Colussy; Victor Dimoff, Newton-Wayne Joint Municipal Authority; Michael Easton, Volkswind USA; Representative Mike Fleck; Dan Guss, Uni-Tec Consulting Engineers; David Harmon, Newton Hamilton Borough; Teddie Kreitz, Keller Engineers, Inc.; Sandra Lauver, Mifflin County Savings Bank; Diana McClure, Keller Engineers, Inc.; John McCullough, Derry Township; Marie Mulvihill, United Way of Mifflin-Juniata; Commissioner Teresa O'Neal, Juniata County; Conor O'Brien, The Sentinel; Robert Postal, MCIDC; Commissioner Robert Reck, Mifflin County; Wanda Reck; Theodore Reed, Wayne Township; Mary Ellen Reed, Wayne Township; Commissioner Otis Riden, Jr., Mifflin County; Steve Roselle, CET Engineering Services; Pam Sechrist, PA Cleanways of Mifflin County; Kevin Shannon, CET Engineering Services; Peggy Stewart, Derry Township; Larry Stewart; Kenton Stuck, Gambone, Songer and Associates Realty; Jerry Trout, First National Bank of PA; Mick Ward, USDA Rural Development; Anne Wimsatt, Lewistown Borough Planning Commission; Jon Zimmerman, Downtown Lewistown, Inc.; Jim Zubler, Downtown Lewistown, Inc.; Mayor Deb Bargo, Lewistown Borough; John Breneman, Senator Corman's Office; Dain Davis, The EADS Group, Inc.; Sue Dunmire; Stephanie Durst; Gregory Elliott, The EADS Group, Inc.; Jim Felmlee, Lewistown Borough; Linus Fenicle, Reager & Adler, P.C.; Kenneth Fisher, Mifflin County Savings Bank; Terry Foster, Mifflin County Savings Bank; Sandy Gomes; Michael Hain and three guests, Nittany Media, Inc.; Gary Heimbach; Donna Holmes, The Juniata Valley Bank; Gerald Hummel, Greater Lewistown Corp.; Harold Johnson, Menno Township; Ashley Duncan, Barton & Loguidice; Wanda McCullough; Don Mulvihill, Lucas Parkes, The EADS Group, Inc.; Chuck Queitzsch, USDA Rural Development; Jim Shilling, Kish Bank; Patti Shilling; Nick Soccio, Representative Adam Harris' Office; Stacey Spicher; Commissioner Mark Sunderland, Mifflin County; Rhonda Walters, Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce; Rev. John Walters; Pat Ward, Uni-Tec Consulting Engineers; Donald Warntz, Derry Township; Deb Warntz; Judge Rick Williams; Mindy Williams; and Brian Funkhouser, Gannett Fleming, Inc.

**Dinner**

Rev. John Walters offered the invocation before dinner.

**Introduction of Guests/Opening Comments/2010 Annual Report**

Susan Heimbach, Chair, welcomed everyone to the Annual Dinner Meeting and recognized Mifflin County Commissioners Mark Sunderland, Otis Riden, Jr., and Robert Reck. Susan expressed appreciation to the County Commissioners for supporting the Planning Commission's efforts during the past year. Susan also recognized some of the guests who attended the meeting. Susan gave the opening comments and explained the reasons for holding the Planning Commission's Annual Meeting. She recognized the Planning Commission members present. Susan called the meeting to order to review the 2010 Annual Report. She turned the meeting over to Director, Bill Gomes, who introduced the Planning and Development Department staff. Bill reviewed the 2010 Annual Report. Brent Miller made a motion to adopt the 2010 Annual Report. Dan Dunmire seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

**Awards Presentation**

The Community Planning Award is presented by the Mifflin County Planning Commission to individuals, organizations or communities that have demonstrated leadership in community planning. The award is given annually

as a way to recognize the efforts and talents of individuals, organizations or communities to improve the area. The Newton-Wayne Joint Municipal Authority, Newton Hamilton Borough and Wayne Township were presented with the Community Planning Award in recognition of the cooperation of the governmental entities and municipal authority, who spent a great deal of time and effort to plan, coordinate, execute and obtain funding from six different agencies to make the wastewater collection and pumping system a reality.

The Planning Excellence Award recognizes an individual for contributions to planning related activities in the County. The award was presented jointly by the Mifflin County Commissioners and Planning Commission to Margaret Stewart for her contributions to planning and improving the quality of life in Mifflin County.

A Staff Award was presented to Donna Baer for her 10 years of dedicated service to the Planning and Development Department.

### **Featured Speaker**

The featured speaker for the evening was Michael 'Mick' Ward, Southeast Pennsylvania Area Director of USDA Rural Development. Mr. Ward spoke about USDA Rural Development's role of improving rural communities throughout Pennsylvania. Mr. Ward discussed the agency's programs for providing loans and grants for single and multi-family housing, community facilities, business and industry, water and sewer, renewable energy and rural broadband. He also discussed agency partnerships within Mifflin County and provided examples of funding and projects that have improved the quality of life for area residents.

### **Adjournment**

Susan closed the meeting by thanking the speaker, the staff and all those who attended. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. upon a motion by Dan Dunmire that was seconded by John Pannizzo.

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