

MINUTES
MIFFLIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012
LEWISTOWN COUNTRY CLUB – 6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Members

Susan Heimbach, Chair
Daniel Dunmire, Vice Chair
John Pannizzo, Secretary
Neal Shawver
Brent Miller
Kent Spicher
Michele Bair
Thomas Lake

Staff

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

Guests

Mario Andrie, Penelec; Thomas Andrie; Bob Bair; David Bardell, Juniata County Planning Department; Barry Bargo, Municipal Authority of the Borough of Lewistown; Michelle Brummer, Gannett Fleming, Inc.; Will Campbell, Juniata Valley Bank; Dain Davis, The EADS Group; Dan Dunmire, Mifflin County Planning Commission; Sue Dunmire; Greg Elliot, The EADS Group; James Estep, Mifflin County School District; Jim Felmlee, Lewistown Borough Council; Linus Fenicle, Reager & Adler PC; Allison Fisher, Mifflin-Juniata Human Services Department; Kenneth Fisher, MCS Bank; Ruth Fisher; Wilda Fisher, Shelter Services, Inc.; Jeff Fisher; Representative Mike Fleck; Terry Foster, MCS Bank; Sandy Gomes; Beverly Green, Penelec; Gary Heimbach; Evelyn Henry, Kistler Borough; Mary Herto, Granville Township; Barbara Hobbs, Kistler Borough; Donna Holmes, The Juniata Valley Bank; Gerald Hummel, Greater Lewistown Corp.; Harold Johnson, Menno Township; Terry Keene, Barton & Loguidice; Dick Koch, Gannett Fleming, Inc.; Kevin Kodish, Mifflin County Commissioner; Jones Marker, Municipal Authority of the Borough of Lewistown; Shaun McAdams, Barton & Loguidice; Diana McClure, Keller Engineers, Inc.; John Mertz, Burnham Borough Planning Commission; Christopher Metz, C.S. Davidson, Inc.; Randy Miller, MCS Bank; Michael O'Rourke, Department of Community and Economic Development; Myra Ordanoff, Kistler Borough; Dave Pecht, The Juniata Valley Bank; Sarah Piper, McGraw & Associates, Inc.; Otis Riden, Jr., Mifflin County Commissioner; Steven Roselle, CET Engineering Services; Molly Schlegel, Parks and Recreation Council; Amy Smith, Kistler Borough; Richard Stahl, Huntingdon County Planning and Development Department; Mark Sunderland, Mifflin County Commissioner; Lisa Swisher, Granville Township; Ann Toole, Toole Recreation Planning; Troy Truax, Delta Development Group, Inc.; James Tunall, Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce; Judy Tunall, MCS Bank; C. Alan Walker, Department of Community and Economic Development; Deb Warntz; Don Warntz, Derry Township; Timothy Williams, Barton & Loguidice; Judge Rick Williams; Mindy Williams; and James Zubler, Downtown Lewistown, Inc.

Dinner

Ken Fisher offered the invocation before the dinner.

Introduction of Guests/Opening Comments/2011 Annual Report

Susan Heimbach, Chair, welcomed everyone to the Annual Dinner Meeting and recognized Mifflin County Commissioners Mark Sunderland, Otis Riden, Jr., and Kevin Kodish. Susan expressed appreciation to the County Commissioners for supporting the Planning Commission's efforts during the past year. Susan also acknowledged 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 then called the meeting to order to review the 2011 Annual Report. She turned the meeting over to Bill Gomes, who began with introducing the Planning and Development Department staff. Bill reviewed the 2011 Annual Report while Mark

Colussy managed the slide show presentation. Brent Miller made a motion to adopt the 2011 Annual Report. John Pannizzo seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

Awards Presentation

The Community Planning Award is presented by the Mifflin County Planning Commission to nominated individuals, organizations or communities that have demonstrated leadership in community improvements and planning. The Community Planning Award was presented to Granville Township in recognition for the community collaboration involved with the development of Veterans Memorial Park. Lisa Swisher, Granville Township Manager, accepted the award on behalf of the township.

Featured Speaker

The featured speaker for the evening was Secretary C. Alan Walker, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Secretary Walker spoke about the future of Pennsylvania. He emphasized the importance of strategic planning and recognized the Mifflin County Planning Commission's dedication and efforts to improve the area. He also discussed the possibility of Utica Shale being under Mifflin County and how this will benefit Mifflin County.

Adjournment

Susan closed the meeting by thanking the speaker, the staff and all those who attended. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. upon a motion by Neal Shawver that was seconded by Kent Spicher.