

MINUTES
MIFFLIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2014
LEWISTOWN COUNTRY CLUB – 6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Michele Bair
Dan Dunmire
Brent Miller
Dave Pennebacker
Neal Shawver
Kent Spicher

Staff

Bill Gomes, Director
Jim Lettiere, CD Administrator / Assistant Director
Doug Marks, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist /
Construction Manger
Jodie Barger, CDBG Fiscal Manager
Donna Baer, Fiscal Assistant

Guest

Don Warntz Derry Township, Don Baker Pa
Cleanways , Barry Bargo Municipal Authority Of
The Borough Of Lewistown, Deborah Bargo
Lewistown Borough Mayor, Rep Kerry Benninghoff,
Keith Black District Office Mgr - Rep Mike Fleck,
Michelle Brummer Gannett Fleming Inc, Craig Bubb
Municipal Authority Of The Borough Of Lewistown,
Susan Button , Will Campbell Juniata Valley Bank,
Mark Colussy Huntingdon County Planning And
Dev. Department, William Conaway Jr Parks And
Recreation Council, Dain Davis The Eads Group,
Stephen Dunkle Menno Township Supervisor, Sue
Dunmire , Linus Fenicle Reager & Adler Pc, Kenneth
Fisher Mcs Bank, Wilda Fisher Shelter Services Inc,
Ruth Fisher , Terry Foster Ceo Mcs Bank, John

Geibel Burnham Borough Planning Commission,
Sandy Gomes , Beverly Green Penelec, Kay
Hamilton Geisinger - Lewistown Hospital, Cindy
Harvey Friends Of Jacks Mountain, Susan Hunter
Granville Township Planning Commission, Laura
Jackson Save Our Allegheny Ridges, Harold Johnson
Jr Menno Township, Ann Kanagy Parks And
Recreation Council, Quill Kanagy , Lauren Kershner
The Sentinel, Dick Koch Gannett Fleming Inc, Kevin
Kodish Mifflin County Commissioner, Diana L
Mcclure Keller Engineers Inc, David Mcnitt Quillas
Creek, John Mertz Burnham Borough Planning
Commission, Karen Michael Penndot District 2,
Randy Miller Mifflin County Savings Bank, Corbett
Monica , Thomas S Morisi Keller Engineers Inc, Don
Mulvihill , Marie Mulvihill United Way Of Mifflin-
Juniata Counties, Lucas Parkes The Eads Group, Rob
Postal Mifflin Co Industrial Development Corp,
Theodore Reed Wayne Township, Mary Ellen Reed,
Otis Riden Jr Mifflin County Commissioner, James
Ritzman Deputy Secretary Per Planning Pa Dept Of
Trans, Inc., Vickie Rusnak Penndot District, Jim
Saylor Seda Council Of Governments, Jay
Schreibman Pa Dept Of Conservation & Natural
Resources, Pam Sechrist Pa Cleanways, Sonja Smith,
Jim Smith, Sr Granville Township Supervisor, Teresa
Sparacino Delta Development Group Inc, Alysse
Stehli Delta Development Group Inc, Ann
Thompson Friends Of Jacks Mountain, Deb Warntz ,
Judge Rick Williams , Timothy Williams Barton &
Loguidice, Mindy Williams , Joe Wood Volkswind
Usa Inc, James Zubler Downtown Lewistown Inc

Dinner

Ken Fisher Offered the invocation before the dinner.

Introduction of Guest / Opening Comments / 2013 Annual Report

Dan Dunmire, Chair, welcomed everyone to the Annual Dinner Meeting and recognized Mifflin County Commissioners Otis Riden, Jr. and Kevin Kodish. He expressed his appreciation to the County Commissioners for supporting the Planning Commission's efforts during the past year. Dan also acknowledged some of the other guests in attendance at the meeting. He gave the opening comments and explained the reasons for holding the Planning Commission's Annual Meeting. Dan recognized the Planning Commission members present. Dan then called the meeting to order to review the 2013 Annual Report. He turned the meeting over to Bill Gomes, who began with introducing the Planning and Development Department Staff. Bill reviewed the 2013 Annual Report while Doug Marks managed the slide show presentation. Neil Shawver made a motion to adopt the 2013 Annual Report. Dave Pennebaker seconded the motion. All members present voted aye

Awards Presentation

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 Kay Hamilton for her contributions to planning and improving the quality of life in Mifflin County.

Featured Speaker

The featured speaker for the evening was James Ritzman, Planning Department Deputy Secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Mr. Ritzman's presentation focused on the new transportation bill and how it could affect Mifflin County in the future. The transportation funding bill known as Act 89 will provide \$2.3 to \$2.4 billion in new transportation funding. In terms of local impact, he cited the Potters Gap project that will improve access to Centre and Mifflin County and the estimated \$34 million coming to the eight County SEDA-COG region that includes Mifflin County. He also spoke of the new contracting efforts called "bridge bundling" that will bid out bridges in three counties at the same time. Other features of the act include multi-modal fund for smaller local projects, the optional \$5 registration fee that counties can pass to improve their local bridge program. He ended by talking about new transportation technologies including driverless cars and vehicles communicating with each other.

Adjournment

Dan closed the meeting by thanking the speaker, the staff and all those who attended. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 upon a motion by Neal Shawver that was seconded by Kent Spicher.