

MINUTES
MIFFLIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018
LEWISTOWN COUNTRY CLUB – 5:45 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Michele Bair
Dan Dunmire
Thomas Lake
David Pennebaker
Kay Semler
Neal Shawver
Kent Spicher
Cyle Vogt

Staff

Bill Gomes, Director
Jim Lettiere, CD Administrator / Assistant Director
Doug Marks, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist /
Construction Manger
Chastity Fultz, Grant / Office Manager
Stacey Herman, CDBG Fiscal Manager

Guest

John Allison, Menno Township Supervisor
Darren Asper, Delta Development Group Inc.
Clint Aurand, Armagh Township Supervisor
Donna Baer
Larissa Bailey, Office of US Senator Pat Toomey
Barry Bargo, Municipal Authority of the Borough of
Lewistown
Deborah Bargo, Lewistown Borough Mayor
Dan Beyer, The EADS Group
Gregg Bitner, Armagh Township Supervisor
Michelle Brummer, Gannett Fleming Inc.
Craig Bubb, Municipal Authority of the Borough of
Lewistown
Dana Bubb, Mifflin County Children and Youth
Services
Mike Buffington, One Stop Communications
Alyssa Burd, The Sentinel
Harry Clever, Mifflin County Tax Services Bureau
Lori Comp, Senator Jake Corman's Office
A.J. Coval, Nittany Engineering Associates
John Czerniakowski
Dain Davis, The EADS Group
Marlene Davis, First National Bank
Oksana Dearment, United Way of Mifflin-Juniata
Counties
Stephen Dunkle, Mifflin County Commissioner
Steve Feathers, McVeytown Borough Council
Sue Dunmire

Ruth Eddy, Mifflin County Industrial Development
Corp.
Nick Felice, Mifflin County Industrial Development
Corp.
Linus Fenicle, Reager and Adler, PC
Ken Fisher, MCS Bank
Ashley Fultz
Ryan Fultz, GME Communications
Mark Garlicki, Gannett Fleming Inc. - State College
Donald Gearhart, Wayne Township Supervisor
Eileen Gearhart
Sandy Gomes
Alice Gray, Juniata County Commissioner
Beverly Green, Penelec
Lonnie Griffith, Mifflin County Maintenance Dept
Michael Hain, Nittany Media Inc.
Sherron Hain
Barb Harer, Mifflin County Internet Advisory
Committee
A. J. Hartsock, Geisinger
Torrey Hildebrand, Menno Township Supervisor
Gerald Hummel, Greater Lewistown Corp
Susan Hunter, Granville Township Planning
Commission
Harold Johnson Jr, Menno Township Supervisor
Ann Kauffman, Office of Congressman Tom Marino
Brad Kerstetter, Juniata County Planning
Department
Thomas Kinsey, MCS Bank
Kevin Kodish, Mifflin County Commissioner
Matt Loper, Delta Development Group Inc.
Congressman Tom Marino
Bonnie Mark, Delta Development Group Inc.
Monica Maxwell, Mifflin County School District
Diana L McClure, Keller Engineers Inc
Mike McMonigal, Mifflin County Academy of Science
and Technology
Brent Miller, Juniata Valley Bank
Randy Miller, MCS Bank
Rhonda Moore, Juniata Valley Chamber of
Commerce
Thomas Moore
Karen Napikoski
Ron Napikoski, Derry Township Supervisor
Paul Nyman, Office of Congressman Tom Marino
Lucas Parkes, The EADS Group
Kathy Pennebaker
Robert Postal Jr., Mifflin County Commissioner

Daniel Potutschnig, Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology
Mary Ellen Reed
Theodore Reed, Wayne Township Supervisor
John Rhone, Wayne Township
Lisa Rhone
James Ritzman, Deputy Secretary for Planning PennDOT
Steven Roselle, GHD
Walter Russell, Office of Representative Rich Irvin
Jim Saylor, SEDA Council of Governments
Pam Sechrist, PACleanways
Dave Semler
Ellen Sheetz, First National Bank
James Shilling, Kish Bank
Patti Shilling
Jim Smith, Sr, Granville Township Supervisor
Raymond Snyder, Granville Township Planning Commission

Theodora Snyder
Teresa Sparacino, Delta Development Group Inc.
Matt Stringer, Parks and Recreation Council
Michael Tate, GME Communication, LLC
Mindy Tate
Kirk Thomas, Geisinger Lewistown Hospital
Jerry Trout, First National Bank
Judy Tunall, MCS Bank
Robert Watts
Wendy Watts
Scott Welham, Lewistown Borough
Beth White
Tom White, Oliver Township Supervisor
Judge Rick Williams
Mindy Williams
Mark Zong, McVeytown Borough Council
James Zubler, Downtown Lewistown Inc.

Dinner

Ken Fisher offered the invocation before the dinner.

Introduction of Guest / Opening Comments / 2017 Annual Report

Kay Semler, Chair, welcomed everyone to the Annual Dinner Meeting and recognized Mifflin County Commissioners Kevin Kodish, Stephen Dunkle and Robert Postal. She expressed her appreciation to the County Commissioners for supporting the Planning Commission's efforts during the past year. Kay also acknowledged some of the other guests in attendance at the meeting. She gave the opening comments and explained the reasons for holding the Planning Commission's Annual Meeting. Kay recognized the Planning Commission members present. Kay then called the meeting to order to review the 2017 Annual Report. She turned the meeting over to Bill Gomes, who began with introducing the Planning and Development Department Staff. Bill reviewed the 2017 Annual Report. Dan Dunmire made a motion to adopt the 2017 Annual Report. Dave Pennebaker seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

Awards Presentation

The Community Planning Award is presented by the Mifflin County Planning Commission to an individual, organization, or community that has demonstrated leadership in community planning. The award was presented by the Planning Commission to the Juniata River Boat Launch recognizing Bratton Township, Oliver Township and McVeytown Borough for their collaborative effort to improve the quality of life for residents of Mifflin County.

Featured Speaker

The featured speaker for the evening was James Ritzman, Deputy Secretary for Planning, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Mr. Ritzman discussed the regional outreach by PennDOT through the PennDOT Connects Program. The program seeks to improve safety and mobility through effective collaboration on developing transportation projects with local government. PennDOT Connects is designed to enhance communities' planning capacity and capabilities, economic development and prosperity, and potential to secure funding from a variety of sources. Through the partnership between PennDOT, MPO/RPO and community, local knowledge can be communicated and coordinated with PennDOT to help determine transportation projects and improvements.

Mr. Ritzman shared a review of PennDOT's investment in transportation over the past decade when it was discovered that Pennsylvania had a number of bridges in need of repair or replacement. PennDOT

focused their money on these bridges and greatly improved the conditions of the bridges. However, since the focus was on bridges, roads began to deteriorate. PennDOT has also noticed that locally owned bridge conditions have not improved. Through the implementation of the \$5 registration fee, counties can use these funds for repairs. He recognized Mifflin County for adopting this fee to assist with road and bridge improvements. Mr. Ritzman also provided an update on the Rapid Bridge Replacement Project as well. A total of five bridges were selected for this project in Mifflin County, of which three have been completed.

Adjournment

Kay closed the meeting by thanking the speaker, the staff and all those who attended. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. upon a motion by Dan Dunmire that was seconded by Neal Shawver.