

MINUTES
MIFFLIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2015
LEWISTOWN COUNTRY CLUB – 6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Michele Bair
Dan Dunmire
Dave Pennebaker
Neal Shawver
Kent Spicher
Thomas Lake

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
Nicole Singer, Grant / Office Manager

Guest

Cindy Adam - Dunn Dcnr
Don Baker, PA Cleanways
Barry Bargo, Municipal Authority Of The Borough
Of Lewistown
Deborah Bargo, Lewistown Borough Mayor
John Breneman, Senator Jake Corman's Office
Bill Benson, Gannett Fleming Inc
Craig Bubb, Municipal Authority Of The Borough Of
Lewistown
Mike Buffington, One Stop Communications
Will Campbell, Juniata Valley Bank
William Conaway Jr, Parks And Recreation Council
John Curto, Northwest Savings Bank
Dain Davis, The Eads Group
Katy Divirgilius, The Sentinel
Stephen Dunkle, Menno Township Supervisor
Sue Dunmire
Greg Elliott, The Eads Group
Linus Fenicle, Reager & Adler Pc
Chris Finton, Arms Group Inc
Terry Foster, Ceo Mcs Bank
Kyle Fritz, The Eads Group
Mark Garlicki, Gannett Fleming Inc - State College
John Geibel, Burnham Borough Planning
Commission
Sandy Gomes
Beverly Green, Penelec
Steven Greer, Arms Group Inc
Michael Hain

Gerald Hummel, Greater Lewistown Corp
Susan Hunter, Granville Township Planning
Commission
Richard Irvin
Harold Johnson Jr, Menno Township
Ann Kanagy, Parks And Recreation Council
Quill Kanagy
Jenny Kantz, Juniata Valley Bank
Dave Knox
Kevin Kodish, Mifflin County Commissioner
Thomas Lake, Mifflin County Planning Commission
Sandra Lauver
Mike Lefevre, Geisinger - Lewistown Hospital
Jamie Lefevre
Frank Mazza, Senator Toomey
Diana L McClure, Keller Engineers Inc
John Mertz, Burnham Borough Planning
Commission
Brent Miller, Juniata Valley Bank
Corbett Monica
Marie Mulvihill, United Way Of Mifflin-Juniata
Counties
Karen Napikoski
Ronald Napikoski Jr, Parks And Recreation Council
John Pannizzo
David Pennebaker, Mifflin County Planning
Commission
Nancy Records, Communities That Care
Mark Remy, First Assistant District Attorney
Amy Remy
Otis Riden Jr, Mifflin County Commissioner
Jay Schreiber, PA Dept Of Conservation &
Natural Resources
Pam Sechrist, PACleanways
Steve Sewalk, The Eads Group
Sonja Smith
Jim Smith, Sr, Granville Township Supervisor
Troy Truax, Delta Development Group Inc
Bryson Wagner, Sr
Pat Ward, Uni-Tec Consulting Engineers Inc
Kathy Ward
Judge Rick Williams
Mindy Williams
David Yahner, The Eads Group
Mark Zong, Mcveytown Borough
Beth Zong
James Zubler, Downtown Lewistown Inc

Dinner

Dave Pennebaker offered the invocation before the dinner.

Introduction of Guest / Opening Comments / 2014 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 2014 Annual Report. He turned the meeting over to Bill Gomes, who began with introducing the Planning and Development Department Staff. Bill reviewed the 2014 Annual Report while Doug Marks managed the slide show presentation. Neil Shawver made a motion to adopt the 2014 Annual Report. Dave Pennebaker seconded the motion. All members present voted aye

Awards Presentation

The Community Planning Award recognizes an individual for contributions to planning related activities in the County. The award was presented by the Mifflin County Planning Commission to David Knox and Borough of Juniata Terrace for their contributions to improve the community following the fire a year ago in Juniata Terrace.

Featured Speaker

The featured speaker for the evening was Cindy Adams Dunn, Acting Secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Ms. Dunn's presentation focused on open space and recreation is not only important in an urban setting, but they are critical in the development of our rural communities in terms of community revitalization and sustainability. Recreation is a major factor in attracting and retaining businesses as well as keeping our young people to want to remain in our rural communities.

Ms. Dunn also provided an overview of DCNR programs, information on the three state forests in Mifflin County, the number of jobs created by DCNR programs and the importance of health and wellness in their long range goals. The Secretary further discussed the projects in Mifflin County receiving DCNR funding and how the Department wants to continue its partnerships with the County.

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 Dave Pennebaker.