

MINUTES
MIFFLIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
August 27, 2026
MIFFLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM B

ATTENDANCE

Members

Dan Dunmire, Vice Chair
Ed Mann
Joshua Yetter Clark
Kay Semler
Michele Bair, Secretary
Tom Lake
William Campbell

Other

Sierra Bolger, Lewistown Sentinel

Staff

James Lettiere, Planning Director
Candace Rager, Planning Secretary

Call to Order

Vice Chair Dunmire called the meeting to order at 3:30.

Record of Public Attendance

Dunmire requested all present sign the record of attendance. The record of attendance is included with the monthly meeting minutes.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Dunmire requested a motion to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2026 meeting. Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes. Bair seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

Public Comment

Mr. Frazee asked how does a data center fit within the county's ten-year plan? Lettiere stated he would prefer to answer the questions in an email and requested Mr. Frazee's email address in order to respond to his concerns.

Subdivision and Land Development Review Committee Report

There are a total of ten (10) plans submitted for August.
Of those plans submitted there are:

- Seven (7) Wright Land Surveying, one (1) NCS, Inc., one (1) Charles Colony, one (1) CES, Inc.
- Nine (9) plans are under municipal ordinance and one (1) under county ordinance

- Five (5) minor subdivisions, two (2) non-residential land developments, three (3) lot additions

The plans are for Michael & Naomi Hostetler (Armagh Township), Dale & Sharon Ertley (Decatur Township), Jason, Erin, John & Randy Leister (Derry Township), Paul & Althea Fultz (Menno Township), Kevin & Rosann Peachey (Menno Township), Aaron & Rebecca Peachey (Menno Township), David Stuck Ag Operation (Union Township), David & Jennifer Stuck (Union Township), Meeker Hoop Building Addition (Union Township), Earl Sunderland (Wayne Township)

Municipal Subdivision Plans

The subdivision and land development review committee members reviewed the ten (10) plans on August 20, 2026. Lettiere stated there were no major concerns or corrections needed. No further discussion for any plans was made. Dunmire requested a motion to approve the comments for the eight (8) municipal plans and conditional approval for the one (1) county plan. Clark made a motion to accept and Campbell seconded it. All voted aye.

Project Updates

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet Thursday, September 17, 2026 to further discuss the preparation of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan which is to address disproportionate safety concerns for pedestrians and other non-motorized roadway users, and to move the county towards 0 deaths as a result of accidents. This includes finding ways to create a balanced transportation system that uses systemic and data driven solutions. As part of the (SS4A) project, we will incorporate the 6 pilot projects identified within Mifflin County's Active Transportation Plan adopted in 2023. It also involves the analysis of crash data, the use of a community survey to identify problem areas, and needs for non-motorized users by the use of Wiki-mapping. Wiki-mapping is a point drop and comment software system which allows survey participants to show areas of concern and provide written comments on a county wide map. Additionally, we will hold a "Municipal Roundtable" to engage the roadmasters from each of the 16 municipalities. The purpose of this meeting is to familiarize them with our efforts in preparing the SAP and seek their input as to the needs for improved transportation areas, concerns regarding safety for vehicles, non-motorized transportation, and pedestrians.

Our consultant team with Michael Baker International will conduct an open house Thursday, October 1, 2026 from 5:30PM-7:00pm in the Mifflin County Annex Building. This will provide the public the opportunity to learn more about what we intend to accomplish and seek input from them regarding no-motorized transportation needs. MBI will hold an additional meeting specifically for the plain sect community, and will be held in the Union Township Activity Center located at 95 N. Penn Street.

We are awaiting the contract agreement from PennDOT for the county's Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Grant which will be between Mifflin County and PennDOT. This is for the Electric Avenue/S. Logan Boulevard Safe Routes to School grant.

The Stone Arch Bridge to Victory Park Phase 1 trail project is progressing. Bill Wright, P.L.S. completed a survey of three borough owned parcels. The goal is to develop a 10' bituminous walking trail on the three borough owned properties. We have consulted with PennDOT to seek guidance for seeking an easement from them for a relatively small area where the trail would be constructed and then request the borough grant the county easements to allow the public to traverse areas where the trail will be constructed. Also, approval from the Borough via an Easement Agreement to grant the county easements on the 3 parcels and relocate a section of fencing along the waste water treatment plant parcel will be requested.

The county's consultant in partnership with Menno Township supervisors and their engineer were successfully awarded PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Funding in the amount of \$372,184 for streetscape lighting, sidewalk enhancements, connections, and pedestrian signs. It also includes 2 gateway medians at both entrances into Allensville. The county's grant consultant, Delta Development, submitted a grant application to PA-DCED through the PA-DCED, Commonwealth Finance Authority for the Allensville Traffic Calming and Infrastructure Improvement Project-Phase 2. If awarded, the funding will be used to install streetscape features including new sidewalks, concrete curbing, street lights to enhance walkability, ADA compliant accessibility, and stormwater infrastructure conveyance to prevent flooding during heavy rain and snow events. The estimated total costs are \$1,252,261 and Menno Township has requested the 30% grant match requirement be waived. If awarded and everything goes as planned, these improvements will be completed by October 2029.

The individual NPDES permit for the solar array land development project in Wayne Township has been submitted to the MCCD August 19th 2027. Also, Lucas Parkes has submitted his final review comments for the project which were forwarded to Joe Burget last week. The county received a copy of the incompleteness letter dated August 26, 2026 from the Mifflin County Conservation District (MCCD). There are 26 items that must be addressed by the applicant by October 26, 2026. The applicant has until February 24, 2027 to satisfy the conditional approval made by the Mifflin County Planning Commission.

Other Business

The next MCPC meeting will be September 24, 2026.

Adjournment

Dunmire announced the meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm.

Minutes Approved

Signature

Date