

**MINUTES**  
**MIFFLIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 18, 2021**  
**MIFFLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – MEETING ROOM A**

**ATTENDANCE**

Members

Thomas Lake, Chair  
Dave Pennebaker  
Dan Dunmire  
Neal Shawver  
Robert Nulton  
Kay Semler

Other

Dr. Daniel Potutschnig, Administrative Director  
Michael McMonigal, Supervisor of Adult & Post  
Secondary Education  
Norma O'Brien, Principal - MC Academy of Science  
and Technology  
Ronald Booher – Juniata Valley Land Surveying

Staff

Mark Colussy, Director  
Candace Rager, Secretary

**Call to Order**

Thomas Lake called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

**Record of Public Attendance**

Candace Rager recorded public attendance, the meeting was held in-person, Meeting Room A.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Thomas Lake requested a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. A motion was made by Neal Shawver. Rob Nulton seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

**Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology Presentation**

A presentation was given by the staff from The Mifflin County Academy of Science & Technology. Dr. Daniel Potutschnig, Administrative Director, gave opening comments, including the mission and vision of the Academy and then introduced the principal, Norma O'Brien. Norma gave a program overview, outlining the programs offered and many of the merits of the students' performance and the academies successes. The academy serves approximately 350 students from Mifflin and Juniata Counties, offering eleven different programs including Electrical, Culinary, Medical and Machining. There is opportunity for students to earn college credits in a cooperative program with Penn College NOW. There are over 144 different on-line courses in 12 categories.

Michael McMonigal, Supervisor of Adult & Post-Secondary Education discussed the programs offered at this level which include Nursing, CDL, EMT, Safety Inspection, Welding, Mechatronics, and Cosmetology. These courses serve approximately 280 adults from surrounding counties. He stated the goals of the Adult program are to increase enrollment, increase the number of classes offered, and increase funding opportunities.

Dr. Potutschnig concluded by sharing a conceptual map for the next expansion phase(s) and how they are working to procure funding for their future projects. He stated his interest in meeting with stakeholders and the connections to local industry/businesses to provide workforce employment opportunities. He stressed that the vision is to prepare each student for success and to excel in a technical career pathway with the confidence to face all challenges and opportunities. He invited anyone to schedule a tour of the academy and ask for any questions. For additional information, the website address is [www.theacademy.net](http://www.theacademy.net).

## **Subdivision and Land Development Review Committee Report**

Three (3) plans were submitted to the committee for review. All plans are under Municipal Ordinance. There is one (1) Minor Subdivision, one (1) Lot Addition, and one (1) Residential Land Development. These plans were for Eugene & Peggy Glick (Brown Township), Lewistown Country Club (Granville Township), Phares H., and Hettie Swarey (Union Township). Additionally, the tabled Youtzy, Miller, Price (Bratton Township) plan needed reviewed and the surveyor, Ron Booher, was present to answer any questions.

### **Municipal Subdivision Plan**

Mark began with the tabled **Youtzy, Miller, Price** plan and stated key issues to consider.

There are a number of graphical items to be updated, two (2) waivers requested, first waiver was to reduce the right of way for accessing the property from 50' to 30'; second waiver is to eliminate the need for five (5) inches of crushed stone for the base of the drive. Mark showed pictures from his site visit and from the buyer for evidence of the work done to expand the drive and the added stone. Mark mentioned there is some deed book information needing to be updated and there are no plans for a well to be placed on the property.

Kay Semler made a motion to grant the waivers. Rob Nulton seconded the motion. All voted aye. Neal Shawver made a motion to approve the plan. Kay Semler seconded the motion. All voted aye.

**Eugene & Peggy Glick** - This project proposes the creation of one (1) lot (32.4069 acres) from the lands of Eugene and Peggy Glick. Proposed Lot #1 presently contains an existing frame dwelling and associated outbuildings. This dwelling is presently served by an on lot sewage disposal system and domestic water from a private well. Access to existing dwelling and Lot #1 is via a private driveway developed off of Coffee Run Road (T-392). A second residential structure (ex. Mobile home) is also located on proposed Lot #1. This mobile home is likewise served by private on lot sewage disposal system and domestic water from a well. As Noted, this mobile home is occupied by a "life-lease" tenant. Access to the mobile home is via a private driveway developed off of Coffee Run Road.

A "25' access and utility easement" has been proposed across the residue and the other lands of Eugene and Peggy Glick. This easement intended as an alternate access to proposed Lot #1 and generally follows an existing earthen farm lane.

The residue (~20 Acres) is vacant and is presently used for agricultural purposes. No sewage facilities testing was performed as part of this project. Mark has a concern that the plan states they are transferring a parcel rather than a tract, otherwise the plan is straight forward.

**Lewistown Country Club** - This plan proposes to create Lot 2 for a single-family residence to be served by public sewer and private well. The residual tract, Lot 1, is a golf course with no new development proposed. This is straightforward with no concerns.

**Phares H. & Hettie Swarey** - This project proposes the creation of one (1) lot (2.00 acres) from the lands of Phares and Hettie Swarey. Proposed lot #1 is presently vacant and used for agricultural purposes. Lot #1 will be a non-building lot addition to the adjacent land of Thomas L. and Lena B. Swarey (TM 20-07-0124A)

The residue lot of Phares Swarey (~20.0 acres) contain a single-family dwelling served by onsite water and on-lot sewage disposal system. This is a lot addition plan and has no real concerns.

Dan Dunmire made a motion to approve the comments. Dave Pennebaker seconded the motion. All voted aye.

### **Public Comment**

Thomas Lake acknowledged there were no public comments to add.

### **Project Updates**

Mark mentioned some of the current projects in the Planning Office:

- Active Transportation Plan – Mark ask for referrals sent to him from active walkers, bicyclists, joggers to give ideas of where there may be problems involved with roadway crossings, sidewalks, etc. and perhaps participate on the steering committee
- Juniata River Trail – Mark presented prototypes of trail signage, trailhead map & logo from the PSU student project
- Annual Reports – 2019 completed & distributed, 2020 available imminently

### **Other Business**

Kay Semler requested the MCPC meetings be changed back to Meeting Room B. Mark will look into doing this starting in 2022.

### **Adjournment**

Dave Pennebaker offered a motion for adjournment. Dan Dunmire seconded the motion. Tom Lake adjourned at 5:02 p.m.