



Blair Planning

Blair County Planning Commission
Altoona Metropolitan Planning Organization
Blair County Government Advisory Committee

BLAIR PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA for July 31, 2025
Altoona Water Authority, 900 Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA

CALL TO ORDER at 8:30 a.m.

1. Roll Call - to publicly determine which members are present and if a quorum is present.
2. Approval of Minutes - Meeting minutes of June 26, 2025 will be considered for approval.
3. Public Comment Period - Public comment will be received at this time on all matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda. Public comments regarding specific development applications or agenda items will be taken when those items come up for consideration.
4. County Commissioner Liaison Forum - This is an opportunity for the Commissioners' liaison to make any reports, comments, or findings to the Planning Commission.

APPOINTMENT

5. Gwin Dobson & Foreman - A presentation on the Combined Sewer System of Altoona and Effect on Receiving Waters.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

6. Benzel Warehouse Addition #2 - Keller Engineers submitted a review request for a land development plan located at 5200 6th Avenue in the City of Altoona. The plan proposes new construction of a 15' x 50' sf addition to the existing warehouse building for the purpose of increasing the dry storage area and additional ovens.
7. Sheetz #14 Rebuild - The City of Altoona submitted a review request for a land development plan located at 3315 Beale Avenue. The plan proposes demolition of the existing Sheetz store, car wash and fuel dispensers and replacing them with a new 4,966 sf store with drive-thru, new car wash and fuel islands with canopy.
8. Sheetz Electric Charging Stations - Tyrone Borough submitted a review request for a land development plan located at 1400 Logan Avenue, Tyrone Borough. The plan proposes converting six (6) current parking spaces into six (6) charging stations.
9. Brumbaugh Pullet Barns - North Woodbury Township submitted a review request for a land development located along Stonerook Road in the Township of North Woodbury. The plan proposes construction of two (2) pullet barns with access drives, an on-lot well and septic system, and stormwater control features. This property is enrolled in the Farmland Preservation Program.

10. Staff Level Reviews – Planning staff have reviewed and responded to the following applications since the last meeting. Commission members were given an opportunity via email to review these applications prior to response letters being sent:

- **City of Altoona:** Kreuz Storage Garage, Low Impact Lot Consolidation, North 18th Street
- **Allegheny Township:** Dugan Subdivision and Land Development
- **Antis Township:** Poppenwimer & Johnson Minor Subdivision, Stetter Road
- **Logan Township:** Orchard Subdivision, Sterling Street
- **North Woodbury Township:** Fox – Myers Minor Subdivision, Isaac Lane
- **North Woodbury Township:** Hershberger Farm Minor No-Build Subdivision, North of South Nicodemus Street and Central Road Intersection
- **Snyder Township:** Burkholder Lot Merge
- **Snyder Township:** DelBaggio Subdivision, Whitetail Lane
- **Snyder Township:** Whetstine, Lone Wolf Drive

METROPOLITAN CLEARINGHOUSE

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PA Department of Environmental Protection – Request for Statements of Comprehensive Conformity for the following grant submittals to the US DEP:

• FFY 2025 Non-Point Source Implementation 319(h) grant	• \$7,930,742.00
• FFY 2022-2026 Chesapeake Bay (CB) Non-Tidal Monitoring Network	• \$ 793,107.00
• FFY 25 Chesapeake Bay Regulatory and Accountability Program Grant	• \$3,411,446.00
• FFY 25 Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grant	• \$8,183,680.00
• FFY 2026-2028 Underground Storage Tank Program	• \$2,198,502.00
• FFY 2026-2028 Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program	• \$4,407,039.00
• FFY 2025-2029 Assistance for Small, Underserved and Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water Grant Program	• \$1,060,000.00
• FFY 2022 Voluntary School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Grant	• \$ 884,000.00
• CY 2026 and CY 2027 Water Quality Management Planning	• \$1,706,000.00

- **Martinsburg Borough:** Altoona Water Authority for Jimmys Drive Water Main Replacement Project, for Utility Line Stream Crossing permit application
- **Martinsburg Borough and North Woodbury Township:** LSSE for Martinsburg Municipal Authority, PFAS Treatment System Project, Chapter 102 permit application
- **Allegheny Township:** P. Joseph Lehman, Inc. for the Dugan Residential Lot, Chapter 102 permit application
- **Freedom and North Woodbury Townships** – AECOM for Texas Eastern Transmission LP, for 2025 Excavating for anomalies and any necessary repairs, Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment General Permit
- **Snyder Township** –Cove for Cove Shoe Company, State Only (synthetic minor) Operating Permit Renewal Application

Letters of Support:

- **City of Altoona:** The EADS Group for the City of Altoona - Baker Boulevard Traffic Calming Project, CFA Multimodal Grant Application
- **Borough of Hollidaysburg:** The EADS Group for the DeGol Industrial Center Rail Expansion and Cross Dock Facility Phase 4 - CFA Multimodal Grant Application
- **Township of Allegheny** – Stiffler McGraw for the Township of Allegheny –West Carson Valley Bridge Replacement (over Spencer Run) Project, MTF Grant Program

Grant Updates: Sherry Socie, Strategic Planner:

- A grant application has been submitted for Norfolk Southern Safety First Grant for two (2) drones for the proposed Blair County UAV (drones) project in the amount of \$50,000.00.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

12. Hollidaysburg 2035 Comprehensive Plan Update
13. Bellwood-Antis Joint Comprehensive Plan Update
14. Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

15. Planning Director's Report – The Planning Director will present items of relevant information not included above.
16. Planning Commissioners' Forum – This is an opportunity for Planning Commission members to bring items of relevant interest to the attention of the body as a whole.
17. Questions from the Media – This is an opportunity for the media to ask any questions needed to clarify any points made or agenda items discussed during the meeting.
18. Announcements
 - August 01 – Transportation Safety Webinar
 - August 06 –PAC Meeting (Altoona)
 - August 07 – Blair Chamber Policy Committee Meeting
 - August 07 – Natural Hazards Legal & Planning Workshops (on-line)
 - August 08- CPDAP Meeting (State College)
 - August 08 –PA Transportation Advisory Committee Seminar (on-line)
 - August 25- Blair Planning and PennDOT District Transportation Improvement Program Priorities Meeting (on-line)
 - August 25 – Southern Alleghenies Monthly meeting (on-line)
 - August 27 –Food For Life Meeting (on-line)

ADJOURNMENT

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Altoona Water Authority, 900 Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA