



BLAIR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting of March 30, 2023, 8:30 AM
Altoona Water Authority, 900 Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call – The meeting will begin with a roll call of the members to publicly determine who is present as well as determine if a quorum is present.
2. Approval of Minutes – Consideration of the February 23, 2023 minutes of the Blair County Planning Commission Meeting.
3. Public Comment Period – Public comment will be received at this time.
4. Commissioner Liaison Forum – This is an opportunity for the Commissioners' liaison to make any reports, comments, or findings to the Planning Commission.

APPOINTMENTS

5. 8:35 AM - Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission – Brandon Peters, Director of Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission will present the recently adopted Alleghenies Ahead Regional Housing Strategy.
6. Alleghenies Ahead Regional Housing Strategy – Consideration and adoption of the Strategy by the Blair County Planning Commission as a policy and guidance document, and a recommendation to the Blair County Commissioners that the County formally adopt the plan.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

7. Green Bean Coffee House – located at 1613 and 1625 North Juniata Street, Blair Township. The proposal is a change in lot lines between two adjacent parcels and converting the existing, two-story building into office space and a coffee bean roasting facility. The proposal also provides for construction of a new coffee house in the adjacent lot.
8. Claysburg Dollar General Store – located along Polecat Hollow Road and Everitt Road, Greenfield Township. The development plan proposes a subdivision and the construction of a new Dollar General store.
9. Staff Level Subdivision and Land Development Reviews:
 - City of Altoona: Timothy and Kathleen Loose No-Impact Subdivision & Side Lot Addition
 - Allegheny Township: Patrick & Susan McFarland Lot Merger
 - Blair Township: Lwellyn & Ashley Martin Lot Line Relocation
 - Frankstown Township: Woomer-Cassarly Subdivision
 - Freedom Township: Terry McConnell and Robert Smith Lot Line Relocation
 - Greenfield Township: Barnes Subdivision Plan
 - Logan Township: Lingenfelter Subdivision Plan
 - Logan Township: Wise Subdivision Plan
 - North Woodbury Township: Weaver Non-build Subdivision
 - Snyder Township: Baughman Farm Estates
 - Woodbury Township: Houck Development Plan

METROPOLITAN CLEARINGHOUSE

10. Staff Level Staff Level Reviews: Planning staff has reviewed and responded to the following requests since the last meeting. Commission members were given an opportunity via email to review these requests prior to response letters being sent:
 - Bellwood Borough and Antis Township: Bellwood Borough Authority, Water Line Replacement, Phase 3, NPDES Chapter 102 permit application
 - Hollidaysburg Borough: Sorge Funeral Home, Air-Quality State-Only Permit Renewal Application
 - Martinsburg Borough: Martinsburg Municipal Authority, Water Quality Mgt Part II, minor amendment
 - Blair and Freedom Township: The Trust for Tomorrow, McDonald Run Stream, Restoration Activities, Waiver 16
 - Greenfield Township: dba Ampliform, LLC, Bi-Diamond Photovoltaic Solar Farm, Chapter 102 Permit Application
 - Greenfield Township: DECA Environmental, Champion Home Builders, Inc, Industrial Storm water General Permit
 - Greenfield Township: LSSE for Gas Line Relocation at Bridge #70, Chapter 105 permit application
 - Greenfield Township, Mackin Engineering, Claysburg Dollar General, Chapter 102 permit application
 - Taylor Township, New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co, Inc. for Roaring Spring Quarry, State-Only Operating Air Quality Permit Renewal
 - Tyrone Township: Sickles Corner Dry Hydrant, Intake and Outfall Structures GP-4 Permit Application
11. Staff Level Review/Letters of Support for Grants - Planning staff has reviewed and responded to the following requests since the last meeting. Commission members were given an opportunity via email to review these requests prior to response letters being sent:
 - Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission: DCNR grant application for continued funding of the Regional Greenways Mini-Grant Program

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

12. Healthy Blair County Coalition – Discussion on the sustainability of to the Coalition, and recent collaborative efforts between the Coalition and Blair Planning:
 - a. Sustainability Status
 - b. Blair County Health Needs Assessment
 - c. Spring Fitness Challenge
 - d. Active Living Brochure
 - e. Let’s Move Day at Lakemont Park
13. Active Mobility – Discussion on active mobility efforts of Blair Planning:
 - a. Committee Update
 - b. Unified Planning Work Program amendments
 - c. Trail planning grant possibilities
 - d. WalkWorks

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

14. Planning Director’s Report – The Planning Director will give a brief update on professional development and administrative issues for the organization, including (but not limited to):
 - a. Municipal Outreach Update
 - b. Government Advisory Committee
 - c. Altoona Comprehensive Plan
 - d. Bellwood and Antis Township Planning
 - e. Request to Televisе Meetings
15. WalkerTracker Contract Authorization – Authorization for staff to enter into a contract with WalkerTracker for use in WalkWorks and TrailTales events and applications as well as support for the Healthy Blair County Coalition fitness efforts.

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. Upcoming Events:
 - April 1 thru 4 – APA National Planning Conference, Philadelphia
 - April 7 – Good Friday; Office Closed
 - April 8 – Dirty Kiln Trail Races, Canoe Creek State Park
 - April 8 – Easter Egg Hunt, Horseshoe Curve
 - April 13 – Fair Market Rent Roundtable
 - April 19 – Southern Alleghenies CAP, Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

The next board meeting is scheduled for 8:30 AM on April 27, 2023 at the Altoona Water Authority, 900 Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania.