



Blair Planning

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

BLAIR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting of January 26, 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 October 27, 2022 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.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

5. 5th Street Park Improvements - located along North 5th and Locke Streets in Antis Township -This proposal is for the utilization of DCNR grant funds for the purpose of rehabilitating Fifth Street Park. This proposal includes the removal of an existing dilapidated pavilion and landscaping as well as the construction of a natural play area. Additional improvements to the site include new landscaping, perimeter fencing, sidewalks, and parking area.
6. Freedom Storage Rentals - located along Travelers Road in Freedom Township – This proposal is for the construction of two new storage buildings totaling 9,600 SF at the existing Freedom Rentals site. Additionally, minimal site grading, gravel drive, ADA accessible parking spaces, and soil restoration are proposed as part of this plan.
7. Sheetz Logistics Center Expansion – located along Corporate Boulevard in Greenfield Township. This proposal is for the construction of a new 102,900 SF warehouse building with associated docks and a parking expansion. Additional development includes a 40,700 SF freezer expansion and 68,655 SF storage expansion to the current Distribution Center as well as associated access drives, utility extensions, stormwater management improvements, and demolition of existing access drives and parking areas.
8. T.L. Long Agway Road Land Development - located along Agway Road in North Woodbury Township - This proposal is for the development of a macadam pad for the purpose of storing construction materials and equipment at an existing parcel owned by Terry L. Long Excavating, Inc. Additional improvements to the site include grading and stormwater management facilities; however, no structural development is proposed as part of this plan.
9. Sollenberger Land Development Plan - located along Henrietta Road in North Woodbury Township - This proposal is for the construction of a concrete manure storage facility on a 63-acre dairy farm owned by Eric E. and Jamie R. Sollenberger. Additionally, this facility will include a pump-out concrete pad with access ramp, access drive, and concrete push-off ramp from the existing barn to the proposed manure storage.

10. Development Reviews Previously Approved via email –

- City of Altoona: Valley View Park Amphitheater
- Logan Township: Pine Street Townhomes

11. Staff Level Subdivision and Land Development Reviews:

- City of Altoona: Baker Lot Consolidation Plan
- City of Altoona: Berardinelli-Davis Subdivision Plan
- Duncansville Borough: Jackson Street Investments, LLC Gravel Truck Parking
- Martinsburg Borough: Hoover Subdivision Plan
- Allegheny Township: Conner Property Line Change
- Allegheny Township: Wronski Subdivision Plan
- Antis Township: Dawson and Himes Lot Line Adjustment
- Antis Township: Himes Subdivision Plan
- Antis Township: Huey Subdivision Plan
- Antis Township: McCartney and Cowan Lot Line Adjustment
- Blair Township: Lanier Lot Merge
- Catharine Township: England Subdivision Plan
- Catharine Township: Holencik-Lear Lot Line Change
- Frankstown Township: Hilling-Yeager Subdivision
- Greenfield Township: Sheetz Lot Merge Plan
- North Woodbury Township: Huntsman and Kulp Lot Line Change
- North Woodbury Township: Kensinger-Showalter Lot Line Adjustment Plan
- North Woodbury Township: North Woodbury Township Lot Merge
- North Woodbury Township: Swindell New Garage Addition

METROPOLITAN CLEARINGHOUSE

12. 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:

- Blair County: DCED Community Development Block Grant Program
 - FY 22 thru 26 Housing Rehabilitation – Owner Occupied, Single Unit Residential, \$587,950
 - FY 22 Residential Water Lateral Installation – Everett Road Area, \$100,000
- Blair County: DCED HOME Investment Partnership Program
 - FY 22 Housing Rehabilitation – Owner Occupied, Single Unit Residential, \$315,000
- City of Altoona: 58th Street Realty, LP – Application to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection – Chapter 102 Permit for Land Development – Roselawn Parking and Storage Units
- Allegheny Township: P. Joseph Lehman, Inc. for Allegheny Township – Theater Drive Access Improvement Project – PA DEP Chapter 105 Permit Application for Water Obstructions and Encroachment
- Allegheny Township: FBG Development Associates – Application to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection – Chapter 102 Permit for Land Development – Fox Hollow Subdivision
- Allegheny and Logan Townships: Peoples Natural Gas Company – Application to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection – General Permit – Logan Boulevard Gas Line Replacement Project

- Blair Township: Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority – Application to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection – Chapters 102, 105, and Water Quality Management Permits – Reservoir Road Pump Stations Installation
- Blair Township: Comcast – Application to Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission – Alteration of (Two) Crossings – Norfolk Southern Railroad and Everett Railroad Company – Aerial Wire Crossings at Third Avenue
- Frankstown Township: Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co. Inc. – Application to PA DEP – Air Quality General Permit Renewal – Batch Asphalt Plant
- Frankstown Township: Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority – Application to PA DEP – Chapter 102 Permit for Land Development – Berwind Road Sanitary Sewer Installation
- Logan Township: Application to PA DEP – NPDES General Permit for Discharges of Stormwater Associated with Construction Activities – Lakemont Area Sanitary Sewer Replacement
- Logan Township: Stiffler McGraw for Logan Township – Klock Development Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project – NPDES General Permit Application for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities Notice of Intent – PA DEP GP-3 Stream Bank Protection Application
- Woodbury Township: Cove Forge Behavioral Health System – Application to PA DEP – NPDES Permit Renewal – Cove Forge Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Hollidaysburg Borough: The EADS Group for D Holdings, Inc. – DeGol Industrial Center – Ongoing grading and utility work – NPDES Permit Renewal Application

13. 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:

- Statewide – PennDOT’s Grant Application to Federal Railroad Administration Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) – Pennsylvania Rail Modernization: Expanding Amtrak Passenger Rail Service on the Keystone West Corridor
- City of Altoona – Grant Application to PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund – Juniata Gap Lighting Project
- Blair Township – Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority – COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act H2O PA Grant Application – Wastewater Extension, Reservoir Road
- Blair Township/Hollidaysburg Borough – Grant Application to PA DCED for H2O PA Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water – Gaysport-Penn Farms Stormwater Improvements
- Frankstown Township – Grant Application to PA DCED H2O PA Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water Program – Rolling Hills and Oldtown Village Sanitary Sewer Replacement
- Logan Township – Grant Application to PA DCED COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act Small Water and Sewer Program – Water Line Installation along Lower Riggles Gap Road
- Logan Township – Grant Application to PA DCED for H2O PA Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water – Klock Development and Lakemont Phase 3B Sanitary Sewer Replacement
- Logan Township – Grant Application to PA Infrastructure Investment Authority – Klock Development Sanitary Sewer Improvements
- North Woodbury Township – Curryville Water Authority Grant Application to PA DCED Small Water and Sewer Program – Water Meter Installation Project
- Duncansville Borough – Grant Application for COVID-19 ARPA Small Water and Sewer Program – Storm Sewer Improvements, 10th Avenue
- Hollidaysburg Borough – Grant Application to PA DCED for H2O PA Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water – Spring Street Storm Sewer Installation

- Newry Borough – Grant Application to PA DCED Small Water and Sewer Program – Sanitary Sewer Improvements
- Williamsburg Borough – Grant Application to PA DCED for H2O PA Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water – High Street Stormwater Improvements
- Williamsburg Borough – Williamsburg Municipal Authority Grant Application to PA DCED Small Water and Sewer Program – Equipment Replacement at Williamsburg Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Williamsburg Borough – Williamsburg Municipal Authority Grant Application to PA DCED Small Water and Sewer Program – Installation of Permanent Generator at Existing 4th Street Water Pumping Station

GRANTS

- Logan Township – Green Light Go Grant, Letter of Support for Logan Boulevard Traffic Signal Improvement Project
- BRIC FEMA application for \$314,000 for the ACT 167 Stormwater Management Plan submitted 1/20/23
- Award of \$4.3 million for the PCCD Local Law Enforcement Grant on behalf of the County of Blair for communication equipment needs for 14 local law enforcement agencies, the DA’s office and Blair EMA 911 communications upgrade
- Both DCNR Fall Funding Round & DCED Grant applications for Duncansville Community Park were not funded. Consultation with both departments stated the applications scored well, however, they received a high volume of applications with only a limited amount of funds to award.
- DCNR just opened their Spring Funding round and DCED should be opening their Local Shares funding round soon.
- DCED Flood Mitigation grant application will be submitted on behalf of Tyrone Township for culvert replacements on the backroad to Sickles Corner. To be submitted by the end of May, 2023.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

15. 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):
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:
 - January 27 – Blair Chamber of Commerce Annual Breakfast Meeting
 - February 8 – PAC Meeting
 - February 16 – Southern Alleghenies CAP Meeting (monthly)
 - February 21 – Hazard Mitigation Committee Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The next board meeting is scheduled for 8:30 AM on February 23, 2023 at the Altoona Water Authority, 900 Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania.