



BLAIR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting of January 25, 2024 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 combined November-December 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 – Introduce Commissioner Amy Webster as our new Commissioner Liaison. This is an opportunity for the Commissioners' liaison to make any reports, comments, or findings to the Planning Commission.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

5. **APPOINTMENT:** Mark Moore, Project Manager – Ampliform (BL-Diamond LLC); Michael Tincher, Consultant – ERM; Justin Stewart, Professional Engineer – Geotech Engineering.
BL Diamond Solar - Located along Hileman Hollow Road in Greenfield Township, this proposal is for the development of a 16.3-megawatt alternating current utility-scale solar facility, owned and operated by Ampliform, on approximately 227-acres of leased land.
6. Comcast Telecom Building – Located along Lampost Lane in Allegheny Township, this proposal is for the construction of a 1400 SF telecommunications building with associated gravel parking and stormwater management behind the existing CNB Bank off of Plank Road.
7. Tussey Mountain Landscaping - Located along Charger Highway in Blair Township, this proposal is for the construction of a 24'x80' storage building for landscaping materials.
8. Coffee on 3rd – Located along 3rd Avenue in Duncansville Borough, this proposal is for the construction of three 12'x20' boutiques, a 12'x16' greenhouse pavilion, and a crushed stone path connecting them for the purpose of creating a boutique village.
9. Staff Level Subdivision and Land Development Reviews:
 - City of Altoona – Cory Noel Lot Merge, 110 Caroline Avenue
 - Greenfield Township – Tim and Brenda Moyer, located on Old Timberman Road
 - Greenfield Township – Bonita Schultz Subdivision, located on Crabapple Lane
 - North Woodbury Township – Township Salt Storage Addition on Cranberry Road
 - North Woodbury Township – Sollenberger / Kulp Lot Line Change, Creps Road

METROPOLITAN CLEARINGHOUSE

10. 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:

- **City of Altoona** – PennDOT application to PA DEP for Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit – S 12th Street Bridge #19 over Brush Run, S 16th Street Bridge #22 over Brush Run, East 25th Avenue Bridge #10 over Spring Run.
- **Antis Township** – Keller Engineers for DelGrosso Foods, Inc. – Application for PennVEST funding from the PA Infrastructure Investment Authority – Kristel Lane Pre-Treatment Facility
- **Catharine Township** – Penn Del Engineering for Penn England, LLC – application to PA DEP for Water Quality Permit – Home Farm Manure Storage Facility
- **Logan Township** – Altoona Water Authority – Application to PA DEP, Stream Encroachment Permit – Burgoon Run Stream Entry & Valve Removal
- **Logan Township** – LWCF Grant Application from National Park Service via DCNR for Strawberry Hills Outdoor Soccer Complex/Community Park Project.
- **North Woodbury and Taylor Townships** – Scotch Hill Solutions for Pleasant View Farm – Application to PA DEP for Chapter 102 Permit for Land Development – Animal Housing Facility
- **Tyrone Borough** – Markosky Engineering Group for PennDOT Engineering District 9-0 – Application to PA DEP for GP-11 Water Obstructions and Encroachments Permit – SR0453 14B over Sink Run Culvert Replacement

11. Grant Update:

- Execute a \$30,000 grant agreement for Act 167 funds awarded to Blair County.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

12. Unified Planning Work Program and Master Grant Agreement FY2024-25 – Review and approve a Resolution designating David McFarland, Planning Director as the official to execute the Unified Planning Work Program and Master Grant Agreement FY2024-25 and subsequent work orders from the period of January 2024 through June 2025.
13. 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):
- Job Description for Community Planner
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. Upcoming Events:
- January 26 – Blair County Alliance Annual Meeting
 - February 8 – Hollidaysburg Comprehensive Plan Consideration at Borough Council
 - February 19 – President’s Day, Planning Commission Office closed
 - February 22 – Juniata Forward Steering Committee Meeting
 - February 26 – All Together Altoona Steering Committee Meeting
 - February 29 - Blair County Planning Commission Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The next board meeting is scheduled for 8:30 AM on February 29, 2024 at the Altoona Water Authority, 900 Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania.