MINUTES OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BLAIR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE: Thursday, March 29, 2018

TIME: 8:30 AM

PLACE: **Altoona Water Authority**
900 Chestnut Avenue
Altoona, Pennsylvania

1.) **Welcoming Remarks by the Chairperson**

Roll Call

Members	**Representing**
Members present:	
William R. Hall, Chairperson	Townships Collectively
Herbert F. Shelow Sr., Secretary	Boroughs Collectively
James M. Dixon, Treasurer	City of Altoona
Patrick Baechle	Boroughs Collectively
Vincent G. DiLeo	City of Altoona
Randal S. Isenberg	City of Altoona
Benjamin C. Postles	Townships Collectively
Linda K. Smith	Townships Collectively
Member absent:	
Dennis J. Hammel Sr.	Boroughs Collectively

Ex-Officio Members	**Solicitor**
Bruce Erb, Commissioner	None

Guests	
Walt Frank, *Altoona Mirror*	Anne Dixon

Staff
Sheryl A. Durbin, CAP, Planning Aide
Tina M. Enderlein, MS, AICP, Regional Planner
Jamie L. Klink, Community Planner
David W. McFarland, III, AICP, Planning Director

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Review and Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on March 1, 2018.

Motion:	To accept minutes as presented with no corrections or changes.
Moved:	Mr. Dixon
Seconded	Mr. Postles
Voted:	8 in favor, no abstentions, so ordered by Chairperson

Public Comments -- None

2.) Presentation

- Guido Santella, South Hills School of Business
  Active Living Brochure Map

Mr. Santella of South Hills School of Business explained how Ms. Enderlein of Blair Planning, and Healthy Blair County Coalition reached out to South Hills School of Business, IT program, to help design a Let's Move Blair County brochure and a map. The students put together an interactive map which will be on the Healthy Blair County Coalition website. People will find hiking trails, state parks, pools, tennis courts, gyms, etc. in the brochure and map. They also created a print brochure which will be distributed around Blair County to give people an idea of the amount of things that are available. The students are experimenting with a mobile app where everyone in Blair County could install the app on their smart phone which could have a healthy challenge to accept daily. Mrs. Enderlein noted the app would be a good way to measure and track data for grants.

3.) Review of Proposed Subdivision and Land Development (Acts 247 & 537) and Component 4B

A. By Consent {Previously sent to board members}

City of Altoona

- Koller Subdivision and Lot Consolidation Plan
  4221 5th Avenue

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for a lot merger between two parcels, both owned by Bruce Koller, into a single 0.220 acre lot. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ The merged lot will have frontage along a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system or surrounding neighborhood as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands, steep slopes, prime agricultural soils or Blair County Natural Heritage Inventory areas. ▪ This site is located within the Beaverdam Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned in this proposal, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

- Bigelow Land Development/Subdivision Plan
  500 E. Caroline Avenue

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for a 0.022 acre side-lot addition to a 0.347 acre parcel owned by Alan R. and Lori A. Bigelow. The 0.022 acre side-lot addition will be taken from the adjacent unopened alley. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ Lot frontage will increase as a result of this proposal and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time. Furthermore, the use of a portion of the adjacent unopened alley will not have an impact on traffic circulation, since this alley has not been in use as an active roadway; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system or surrounding neighborhood as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of prime agricultural soils on the entire site. Since this site has been previously developed and this proposal is for a side-lot addition and no new development is proposed, these soils should not be a significant concern. ▪ Otherwise, our review did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands, steep slopes or Blair County Natural Heritage Inventory areas. ▪ This site is located within the Beaverdam Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned in this proposal, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

<u>Blair Township</u>

- Smith Property Line Change
  Reservoir Road

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for a change in property lines between two parcels (8.390 and 1.017 acres) owned by William R. Smith, Jr. and Susan J. Smith. The proposed property line change will see 1.530 acres transferred from the 8.390 acre lot to the 1.017 acre lot, for final lot sizes of 6.860 and 2.547 acres. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ No change in lot frontage/access will occur as part of this plan and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system or surrounding neighborhood as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of prime agricultural soils and steep slopes on portions of the site. Additionally, the site is located partially within the Loop Mountain Landscape Conservation Area. Since no development is proposed in this plan, these features should not be a significant concern at this time. ▪ This site is located within the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

<u>Catharine Township</u>

- Grannas Subdivision
  2nd Street & Recreation Drive

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for the subdivision of a 0.138 acre parcel, owned by the Paul A. and Minnie M. Grannas Estate, into two parcels totaling 0.084 and 0.054 acres, respectively. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ Both lots will have frontage along a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not expect any negative impacts on the local transportation system or surrounding neighborhood as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of prime agricultural soils on a portion of the site. Additionally, the site is located completely within the Canoe Creek Watershed Important Mammal Area and the Frankstown Branch/Lower Trail Important Bird Area. Since no development is proposed in this plan, these features should be a significant concern with regard to this proposal. ▪ Otherwise, our review did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands or steep slopes. ▪ This site is located within the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

<u>Frankstown Township</u>

- Knab Minor Subdivision
  Mountain View Drive

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for the subdivision of a ±71.446 acre parcel, owned by David A. Knab, Sr. and Genee G. Knab, to create a new 0.746 acre lot. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ Both lots will have frontage along a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system or surrounding neighborhood as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of steep slopes and the 100-year floodplain on portions of the site. Additionally, the site is partially located within the Loop Mountain Landscape Conservation Area and the Canoe Creek Watershed Important Mammal Area. Since no development is proposed in this plan, these features should not be a significant concern with regard to this proposal. ▪ This site is located within the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

<u>Huston Township</u>

- Generation 6 Family Limited Partnership
  261 Pleasant View Farms Road

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for the subdivision of a 25.203 acre parcel, owned by the Generation 6 Family Limited Partnership, to create a new 1.570 acre lot to be conveyed to Mark A. and Janet L. Curfman. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ Both lots will have frontage along a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system as a result of this proposal. ▪ Additionally, this site is located completely within a Federal Aviation Regulation Part 77 Airport Hazard Area; since no development will occur as a result of this plan, no hazards to air traffic are expected. Should the applicant choose to further develop this site in the future, consultation with PennDOT Bureau of Aviation and the Federal Aviation Administration could be required. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of prime agricultural soils on portions of the site. Since no development is proposed in this plan, these soils should not be a concern at this time. ▪ Otherwise, our review did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands, steep slopes or Blair County Natural Heritage Inventory areas. ▪ This site is located within the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

- Kensinger Subdivision Plan
  Huston Township

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for a 0.12 acre side-lot addition to a 1.16 acre parcel owned by Benjamin Kensinger, for a final lot size of 1.28 acres. The 0.12 acre tract will be conveyed from the adjacent 124.16 acre parcel owned by Kensinger Properties, LP. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ Both lots will have access to a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system as a result of this proposal. ▪ Additionally, this site is located completely within a Federal Aviation Regulation Part 77 Airport Hazard Area; since no development will occur as a result of this plan, no hazards to air traffic are expected. Should the applicant choose to further develop this site in the future, consultation with PennDOT Bureau of Aviation and the Federal Aviation Administration could be required. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of prime agricultural soils, steep slopes and the 100-year floodplain on portions of the site. Additionally, the site is located partially within the Loop Mountain Landscape Conservation Area and completely within an Agricultural Security Area and the Canoe Creek Watershed Important Mammal Area. Since no development is proposed in this plan, these features should not be a significant concern at this time.

	▪ This site is located within the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

North Woodbury Township

- Stern Property Line Change
  Bluejack Street & Basswood Drive

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for a merger between two lots (0.129 and 0.249 acres) owned by Scott R. and Kyle J. Stern into a single 0.378 acre lot. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ The merged lot will have adequate frontage along a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system or surrounding neighborhood as a result of this proposal. ▪ Additionally, this site is located completely within a Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 77 Airport Hazard Area; since no development is proposed in this plan, no hazards to air traffic are expected as a result of this proposal. Future development at this site will require consultation with PennDOT Bureau of Aviation and the Federal Aviation Administration. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of prime agricultural soils on the entire site. Since no development is planned in this proposal, these soils should not be a significant concern at this time. ▪ Otherwise, our review did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands, steep slopes or Blair County Natural Heritage Inventory Areas. ▪ This site is located within the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

Taylor Township

- Pote Property Line Adjustment
  Bloomfield Road

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for a change in property lines between two parcels: a 0.6420 acre parcel owned by Jesse W. Pote, Jr. and Daisy M. Pote; and a ± 18 acre parcel owned by the George G. Pote Living Trust. The proposed property line change will see a 0.5275 acre portion of the George G. Pote Living Trust property transferred and merged with the 0.6420 acre parcel. No development is planned in this proposal. ▪ Both lots will continue to have adequate frontage along a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of prime agricultural soils on portions of the site. Since no

	development is proposed in this plan, these soils should not be a significant concern with regard to this proposal. ▪ This site is located within the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

Tyrone Township

- Andrew Johnson Side Lot Addition
  Tyrone Township

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for a 3.74 acre side lot addition to a 33.83 acre parcel owned by Andrew H. and Sarah J. Johnson. The 3.74 acre tract will be subdivided from a 111.00 acre parcel owned by SB Timberlands, LLC, with resulting lot sizes of 37.57 and 107.26 acres. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ Both lots will have frontage along a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of steep slopes on portions of the site. Additionally, the site is partially located within an Agricultural Security Area and the Brush Mountain West Landscape Conservation Area, as well as being located completely within the Canoe Creek Watershed Important Mammal Area and the Bald Eagle Ridge Important Bird Area. Since this proposal is for a side lot addition and no development is proposed, these features should not be a significant concern at this time. ▪ This site is located within the Little Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned in this proposal, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

Woodbury Township

- Cadle Minor Subdivision Plan
  Ridge Road

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for the subdivision of a 1.869 acre parcel, owned by David D. Cadle, Jr., for the purpose of creating a new 0.119 acre lot to be conveyed and used for the future development of a water pump station for the Williamsburg Municipal Authority; however, no development is shown on this plan. ▪ Both lots will have frontage along a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system as a result of this proposal. ▪ Additionally, this site is located completely within a Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 77 Airport Hazard Area. Prior to the construction of the water pump station, consultation with PennDOT Bureau of Aviation and the Federal Aviation Administration will be required.

	▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed that the site is located completely within the Canoe Creek Watershed Important Mammal Area; while this plan is simply for a subdivision, during the development phase of the project, care should be taken to minimize impacts on the local bat population within this conservation area. ▪ Otherwise, our review did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands, steep slopes or prime agricultural soils. ▪ This site is located within the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River Watershed. No additional stormwater will be generated as a result of this plan; however, during the development phase, the developer should ensure compliance with Woodbury Township's stormwater management requirements in order to mitigate negative impacts on this watershed.

- Erlinger Subdivision Plan
  Troxell Road

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for a subdivision and lot merger involving two lots: a 71.88 acre parcel owned by James C. and Donna J. Erlinger, and James D. Cameron; and a 3.64 acre parcel owned by Bruce A. and Victoria L. Chamberlain. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ First, a 10.35 acre tract will be subdivided from the 71.88 acre parcel. Next, this 10.35 acre tract will be merged with the 3.64 acre parcel, for final lot sizes of 61.53 and 13.99 acres, respectively. Additionally, a 15 foot-wide right-of-way will be created along an existing driveway located on the 13.99 acre parcel in favor of the 61.53 acre parcel in order to provide legal access to an existing cabin. ▪ Both lots will have access to a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of steep slopes on a portion of the site. Additionally, the site is located partially within the Tussey Mountain Landscape Conservation Area #4. Since no development is proposed in this plan, these features should not be a significant concern at this time. ▪ Otherwise, our review did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands or prime agricultural soils. ▪ This site is located within the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

- Consolidation Plan for White Deer Realty, LLC
  River Drive and New Beginnings Road

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for the consolidation of two lots (0.242 and 0.276 acres), owned by White Deer Realty, LLC, into a single 0.518 acre lot. No development is proposed in this plan. ▪ The resulting merged lot will have frontage along a public roadway and no additional vehicle trips should be generated at this time; therefore, we do not anticipate any negative impacts on the local transportation system as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of prime agricultural soils on the entire site. Additionally, the site is located completely within the Canoe Creek Watershed Important Mammal Area and the Frankstown Branch/Lower Trail Important Bird Area. Since no development is proposed in this plan, these features should not be a significant concern at this time. ▪ Otherwise, our review did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands or steep slopes. ▪ This site is located within the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; since no development is planned, no additional stormwater runoff should be generated and no negative impacts on this watershed are expected.

Motion:	**To approve staff recommendations for above Minor Proposed Subdivision and Land Development (Acts 247 & 537).**
Moved:	Mr. Shelow
Seconded	Mr. Postles
Voted:	8 in favor, no abstentions, so ordered by Chairperson

B. By Review {Full Presentation and Discussion at the Meeting}

<u>City of Altoona</u>

- Rutter's #83 Land Development
  3001 Sixth Avenue

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for the construction of a 6,868 square-foot Rutter's Convenience Store at the site of a former King's Restaurant. In addition to the proposed convenience store, a paved parking lot, sidewalks, fueling islands and various landscaping will also be installed at the site. ▪ The proposed amount of parking at the site will total 38 spaces, which includes two Americans with Disabilities Act accessible spaces; the proposed amount of parking will be more than the required 21 spaces under Altoona's Code, but is a reasonable amount of parking spaces due to the proposed land use. ▪ We appreciate the inclusion of 10 bicycle parking spaces, which is more than the 4 required under Altoona's Code; however, the type of bicycle rack is not shown on the plans. We would like to recommend that the proposed bicycle parking facilities be a modern design, such as an "Inverted U" type of rack, as opposed to the older-style, "BMX/schoolyard" type rack. If there are any

questions about bicycle parking facilities, the developer should contact the Blair County Planning Commission for suggestions and guidance.

- Access to the site will be through five separate points: a total of four, 18 foot-wide, one-lane points of ingress and egress along both 6th and 7th Avenues, and a 24 foot-wide, bidirectional access driveway along 30th Street. These access driveways and parking lot configuration appear to provide adequate vehicular access, circulation and maneuverability within the site.
- Sidewalks will be constructed along a portion of the property line; however, the developer has omitted sidewalks near the intersection of 6th and 7th Avenues and 31st Street due to potential unsafe street crossings in this area. Generally, we would recommend the inclusion of sidewalks along the entire property line, but in this instance we understand the developer's choice to omit sidewalks in this area of the site. We will defer to the City to determine the feasibility of sidewalks near this intersection and the possibility of future crosswalks which would allow safe street crossings across 6th and 7th Avenues. Furthermore, we recommend extending the painted hatched lines for the ADA van accessible space all the way to the termination of the sidewalk along 6th Avenue at the egress driveway. This would improve pedestrian safety and visibility while crossing the lot.
- Various landscaping and street trees will be installed as part of this plan. We recommend that the developer ensures all landscaping will comply with Altoona's requirements, specifically shrubbery to shield headlight glare along 30th Street.
- No lighting plan or photometrics have been provided as part of this submission; we recommend that all exterior lighting to be installed will comply with Altoona's lighting requirements and all lighting should be shielded or directed in a manner that will prevent glare onto neighboring properties and roadways.
- Peak hour vehicle trip generation for this site has the potential to be in excess of 100 vehicle trips during the highest volume hour of the week. Due to the potential for a high volume of vehicle trips and the site's location near a busy intersection, a PennDOT Transportation Impact Study could be needed in order to address any potential negative impacts resulting from this proposal; we will defer to the City and PennDOT regarding specific suggestions and requirements pertaining to this proposal.
- Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor does it contain any wetlands, steep slopes, prime agricultural soils or Blair County Natural Heritage Inventory areas.
- This site is located within the Beaverdam Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; this proposal will result in a reduction of impervious surface at the site, which should help to mitigate negative impacts on this watershed.

Snyder Township

- Kunzler Land Development
  East Pleasant Valley Boulevard

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for a 10,694 square-foot building expansion to the existing Kunzler Plant. In addition to the building expansion, a gravel parking lot, concrete loading pad/area, concrete sidewalks adjacent to the proposed structure, a paved access driveway and stormwater management facilities will also be constructed. ▪ The proposed expansion will reduce the size of the existing gravel parking area at the plant; however, a previously proposed parking lot will be constructed on the far side of the building, which should accommodate the lost parking spaces as a result of this proposal. Also, this proposal calls for the placement of five Americans with Disabilities Act accessible spaces in the existing employee parking area on the opposite side of Garden Alley. ▪ Access to the parking lot and concrete loading area will be through a 40 foot-wide paved access driveway connecting to Garden Alley; it appears that the proposed access driveway and parking lot configuration will allow adequate vehicle circulation and maneuverability within the site. ▪ No landscaping plan has been provided as part of this submission; the developer should ensure that existing landscaping at the site will meet Snyder Township's landscaping requirements. ▪ No lighting plan has been provided as part of this proposal; the developer should ensure that any exterior lighting will be shielded or directed in a manner that will prevent glare onto neighboring properties and roadways. ▪ This proposed plant expansion has the possibility to generate additional peak hour vehicle trips at the site; however, we do not anticipate a major increase in peak hour vehicle trips as a result of this plant expansion, and do not expect any significant negative impacts on the local transportation system as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at this location has revealed the presence of prime agricultural soils and steep slopes on portions of the site, as well as the 100-year floodplain on nearly the entire site. Neither the prime agricultural soils nor steep slopes should be a concern since this site is located in an urbanized area and has previously been developed and it appears that no development will occur on any steep sloped areas. ▪ The site's location within the 100-year floodplain is a concern and development within the special flood hazard area is generally discouraged; however, the Finished Floor Elevation of the proposed expansion is stated to be 908.32 feet above sea level, which is above the Base Flood Elevation of 907 to 908 feet above sea level in this location. Additionally, the placement of a bioretention basin within the floodplain should help to lower the chance of negative impacts due to flooding on the proposed plant expansion structure. We will defer to Snyder Township's engineer on whether the proposed bioretention basin and elevation of the structure will reduce potential flood impacts to acceptable levels.

	▪ This site is located within the Little Juniata River Watershed; the developer should ensure that the proposed stormwater management controls will limit post-construction runoff rates to at or below existing levels, and that all stormwater management facilities are designed per Snyder Township's stormwater management requirements.

Woodbury Township

- Williamsburg Municipal Authority
  Water Treatment Improvements, Briarwood Lane

Presentation and Discussion:	▪ This proposal is for the construction of a 612 square-foot water treatment facility at the site of the existing well field along Briarwood Lane, which will also include a paved driveway, a parking area, and additional appurtenant structures, fences and stormwater management facilities. ▪ Additionally, as part of this plan, two, small booster pump stations will be installed at sites located along Ridge Road and Piney Creek Road, to consist of the pump stations, gravel driveways, fences and any additional necessary appurtenant structures and stormwater management facilities. ▪ If any exterior lighting is proposed as part of this plan, we recommend that all lighting is shielded or directed in a manner that will prevent glare onto neighboring properties and roadways. ▪ All three sites should have adequate access to a public roadway and only a small amount of additional vehicle trips should be generated due to the nature of the land use; therefore, we do not anticipate any significant negative impacts on the local transportation system as a result of this proposal. ▪ Environmentally, our review of natural features at these locations has revealed the presence of steep slopes of portions of the properties and that the sites are located completely within the Canoe Creek Watershed Important Mammal Area. The steep slopes located at the site should not be a concern, since it does not appear that any development will occur on these slopes at either of the three sites. Due to all three of the sites being located within the Important Mammal Area, the developer should adhere to seasonal tree-cutting requirements in order to protect the local bat population. If there should be any questions regarding these requirements, the developer should contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for guidance. ▪ Otherwise, our review did not reveal any immediate environmental concerns; the sites are not located within the 100-year floodplain, nor do they contain any wetlands or prime agricultural soils. ▪ The sites are located within the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River Watershed; the provided Stormwater Management Plan has provided post-construction runoff rate estimates for all three sites that are shown to be below existing rates, which should help to mitigate negative impacts on this watershed.

Motion:	To approve staff recommendations for above Subdivision and Land Development (Acts 247 & 537).
Moved:	Mr. Postles
Seconded	Mr. Dixon
Voted:	8 in favor, no abstentions, so ordered by Chairperson

4.) Intergovernmental Review Requests (Acts 14, 67, 68, 127, or EO 12372)

A. By Consent {Previously sent to board members}

City of Altoona

- Silk Mill Properties Inc. Development
  Land Use Policy

- Norfolk Southern Railway Co.
  Diesel Emergency Generator Installation, PA DEP Air Quality Program

Freedom Township

- Roaring Spring Municipal Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant
  Act 14 Notification NPDES Sewage Discharge Permit

Allegheny and Juniata Townships

- Nagle New Home Construction
  Land Use Policy

Presentation and Discussion:	The above Intergovernmental review requests received the standard letter. The Blair County Planning Commission states that Blair County adopted its Comprehensive Plan in August, 2007. The above-referenced project is consistent with the county comprehensive plan in the concepts presented at this time. While further reviews may be necessary at various jurisdictional levels, the general concept is needed, and conforms with countywide planning efforts.

Motion:	To approve staff recommendations for above Intergovernmental Review of consent agenda requests. (Acts 14, 67, 68, 127, or EO 12372).
Moved:	Dr. DiLeo
Seconded	Mr. Postles
Voted:	8 in favor, no abstentions, so ordered by Chairperson

B. By Review Intergovernmental {Full Presentation and Discussion at the Meeting}

Blair County

- Rails to Trails of Central PA is seeking a Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant for purchase of a diesel-powered mower

Presentation and Discussion:	The Blair County Planning Commission is in receipt of the notification of Rails-To-Trails of Central PA's application for PA DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant funding for the purchase of a diesel powered mower for vegetation maintenance along the Lower Trail in Williamsburg Borough, Catharine, Frankstown

	and Woodbury Townships within Blair County. This proposed equipment purchase will benefit Blair County residents and tourists by allowing for safe and adequate access to the Lower Trail through continued maintenance of vegetation along the Trail. The proposed project will help to achieve specific goals and objectives listed in the Areawide Comprehensive Plan for Blair County, specifically: ▪ Plan for trail maintenance using a combination of County and local resources as part of Recreation and Transportation Greenways Strategies. ▪ Pursue state and local funding for implementation of the Blair County Greenways Plan. ▪ Provide for a well-designed and managed park and recreation system. ▪ Maintain and improve existing park and recreation facilities.

<u>City of Altoona, Logan Township and the Altoona Area School District</u>

- Central Blair Recreation and Park Commission is apply for a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant to include a master comprehensive plan

Presentation and Discussion:	The Blair County Planning Commission is in receipt of the notification of the Central Blair Recreation and Park Commission's application for PA DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant funding for the creation of a Master Comprehensive Recreation, Park, Open Space and Greenways Plan. This proposed plan would help to meet goals and objectives of the *Areawide Comprehensive Plan for Blair County* the *Blair County Greenways Plan*, specifically: ▪ Local municipalities, preferably through multimunicipal greenway planning committees, would be the primary partners responsible for planning and implementation of greenways at the planning region level. ▪ Multimunicipal recreation commissions should provide guidance for recreation and transportation corridors. ▪ Create a viable green infrastructure system that includes protected open space, trails, and areas of natural beauty in Blair County. ▪ Provide for a well-designed and managed park and recreation system that supports a variety of recreation opportunities and facilities within close proximity to Blair County's population centers.

<u>Antis Township</u>

- Notification of Intent to Apply for funds under the PA DCNR, Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) "Acquisition" Grant Application and Request for a Letter of Support

Presentation and Discussion:	Kindly accept this Letter of Support from the Blair County Planning Commission of the Application from Antis Township to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for funds under the Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2). These funds, if awarded, will be utilized along with local funds from Antis Township for the acquisition of lands for the right-of-way for the Logan Valley Streetcar Trail, as well as the surrounding land for open space and conservation purposes. In addition to providing additional recreation opportunities, the Trail will provide alternate transportation opportunities linking various activity centers throughout the

	Bellwood-Antis community. Ultimately, the trail will connect with the existing Bells Gap Trail, as well as Altoona, Bellwood, and Tyrone. Additionally, the Trail also will provide substantial economic benefits to the businesses and industries along the corridor, e.g. downtown Bellwood businesses, the Ardie J. Dillen Industrial Park, the DelGrosso Amusement Park, the Pittsburgh Glass Works, etc. Additionally, the *Areawide Comprehensive Plan for Blair County* focuses on Parks and Recreation as one of the main areas of opportunity for the future of the county. Included in the Comprehensive Plan are goals and objectives relating to Parks and Recreation. These goals and objectives include: ▪ Provide for a well-designed and managed park and recreation system that supports a variety of recreation opportunities and facilities within close proximity to Blair County's population centers. ▪ Maintain and improve existing park and recreation facilities and identify opportunities for the creation of new facilities to meet the needs of Blair County residents. ▪ Support local municipalities in their efforts to upgrade recreational facilities. ▪ Blair County should provide for and promote outdoor recreation as a component of its tourism economy.

- Notification of Intent to Apply for funds under the PA DCNR, Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) "Development" Grant Application and Request for a Letter of Support

Presentation and Discussion:	Kindly accept this Letter of Support from the Blair County Planning Commission of the Application from Antis Township to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for funds under the Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2). These funds, if awarded, will be utilized along with local funds from Antis Township for the Engineering Design and Construction of the Logan Valley Streetcar Trail, Phase I. This Trail has been designated highest priority by the recently completed Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan for the Bellwood-Antis Community, 2016. In addition to providing additional recreation opportunities, the Trail will provide alternate transportation opportunities linking various activity centers throughout the Bellwood-Antis community. Ultimately, the trail will connect with the existing Bells Gap Trail, as well as Altoona, Bellwood, and Tyrone. Additionally, the Trail also will provide substantial economic benefits to the businesses and industries along the corridor, e.g. downtown Bellwood businesses, the Ardie J. Dillen Industrial Park, the DelGrosso Amusement Park, the Pittsburgh Glass Works, etc. Additionally, the *Areawide Comprehensive Plan for Blair County* focuses on Parks and Recreation as one of the main areas of opportunity for the future of the county. Included in the Comprehensive Plan are goals and objectives relating to Parks and Recreation. These goals and objectives include: ▪ Provide for a well-designed and managed park and recreation system that supports a variety of recreation opportunities and facilities within close proximity to Blair County's population centers.

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Greenfield Township

- Claysburg Community Park to Meet ADA Requirements
  DCNR Grant Support Letter

Presentation and Discussion:	The Blair County Planning Commission is in receipt of the request for support of Greenfield Township's application to the PA DCNR for a Small Community Grant Application for improvements to the Claysburg Community Park. The proposed improvements, specifically improving ADA accessibility by removing architectural barriers from the public restrooms, paths and walkways, public parking areas, and the playground areas of the Park, will allow for safe and accessible usage of the park by visitors of all ages and abilities. Furthermore, this proposal is consistent with the *Areawide Comprehensive Plan for Blair County*. Specifically, the Comprehensive Plan states with regard to Parks and Recreation within Blair County: ▪ Ensure that all park and recreation facilities are accessible to all members of the public and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Motion:	To approve staff recommendations for above Intergovernmental Review requests. (Acts 14, 67, 68, 127, or EO 12372).
Moved:	Mr. Postles
Seconded	Mr. Dixon
Voted:	8 in favor, no abstentions, so ordered by Chairperson

5.) **Public Health Activities** – Ms. Enderlein reported --

- WalkWorks Update/Healthiest County Challenge
  This ends September 2018 and more information will be coming for the impact report including what the challenge will be judged on for the $500,000. The pre-counts for the additional five WalkWorks routes have been finished and starting in April the post-counts will be done with the eco-counter.
- Healthy Blair County Coalition Collaboration
  Along with Mr. Santella's presentation given earlier and the interactive map being put on the website this project is complete.
- PSU Sustainable Communities Collaborative
  - Renewable Energy
    This is to see if solar is viable in Blair County. Ms. Enderlein is hoping to schedule a site visit with the students to see if solar is feasible.
  - Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan
    We are working on getting an intern for the fall. The intern would do a lot of mapping and data collection.

- South Hills School of Business Collaboration Marketing/Promotional Materials
  Ms. Enderlein and Mr. McFarland met with a South Hills School of Business, Marketing department head. The course this semester is Social Media. She will look at what we have so far which our Communications Intern, Jordan Futrick, had done and do some integration.

6.) Alleghenies Ahead

Mr. McFarland reported he was hoping to have a 90% draft of the Alleghenies Ahead comprehensive plan to distribute this morning. There isn't anything new but it has the five points, big things and the action points. There is a link online with Part 1 which will be a working plan which lists the big things and action plan. Part 2 will be the data that backs up the plan. There will be a meeting next week with a company in Johnstown to help with the marketing and outreach of the comprehensive plan.

7.) Hazard Mitigation

There was a two day workshop last week which Mr. McFarland attended with the new FEMA person over our region. Each municipality within Blair County has to have a project list. We will have to re-work that as it was approached at a countywide level. We are still doing that but at a countywide level there needs to be a specific municipality project list. FEMA is saying because of the delay in getting the plan approved last time, we actually have until the middle of next year.

8.) Administrative Matters

- Annual Report
  The annual report focused on the comprehensive plan thus far. There is a communications section which has pictures of Jordan Futrick's work on the Happy Blair County video project. We still have the center pull out on Transportation. On the back is the Governmental Advisory Committee article which Mr. McFarland is trying to get a meeting in April scheduled.

9.) Planning Commissioners' Forum – No comments.

10.) Questions from the Media – No questions.

11.) Announcements

- PennDOT 9-0 Outreach for 2018 is on Wednesday, April 11 at 1:30 PM
- Trail Town Workshop at the U.S. Hotel on Saturday, April 14 at 9 AM
- Next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2018 at Altoona Water Authority at 8:30 AM.

12.) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Herbert F. Shelow Sr.
Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:
Blair County Planning Commission 2017 Annual Report