



# Blair Planning

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

**REVISED -February 25, 2025**

## BLAIR PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

February 27, 2025 Meeting

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. Introduction - New Board Member Todd Lewis
3. Appointment of Board Secretary - The Chairman will appoint a new Secretary to fill the current vacancy as established in the By-Laws of the Blair Planning Commission.
4. Approval of Minutes - Meeting minutes of the January 30, 2025 will be considered for approval.
5. 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.
6. Planning Commissioner Liaison Forum - This is an opportunity for the Commissions' liaison to make any reports, comments, or findings to the Planning Commission.

### DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

7. Hollidaysburg Borough Public Works Building -Hollidaysburg Borough submitted a development project located on Loop Road in the Borough of Hollidaysburg. The proposed project includes new construction of a 2,480 sf garage with two bays and space for a restroom, storage room, breakroom and utility room. New utility services will be required for public water, sanitary sewer, natural gas and electricity.
8. Blair Frito Solar Project -Antis Township submitted a development project located on Frito Lane. The proposed project consists of three (3) separate solar arrays on approximately 36.7 acres of privately-owned land; the project also includes fencing and access roads.
9. Kulp Family Dairy LLC - North Woodbury Township submitted a development plan for a property located on Millerstown Road. This development proposes construction of three (3) new free stall barns, a parlor, holding and sorting areas, milking center, calf barns, a lined waste storage pond, manure shed, gravel driveways and associated storm water infiltration facilities.
10. Staff Level Reviews - Planning staff has 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: Agudath Achim Congregation No Impact Subdivision, 17<sup>th</sup> St
- City of Altoona: Evolution Counseling Low Impact stair/ramp replacement, Kettle Street
- City of Altoona: NAJJAT LLC No Impact Lot Merge, 25<sup>th</sup> Street
- City of Altoona: Snyder Low Impact Subdivision, Third Avenue
- Hollidaysburg Borough: Blair County Genealogical Society Inc, Scotch Valley Road
- Hollidaysburg Borough: Eastern Reg. Conf. Churches of God Property Line Change, Pine St.
- Blair and Freedom Townships: Harker Subdivision, Harker Lane
- Juniata Township: Long & Helsel Lot Line Relocation, SR 3003
- Logan Township: Riley Lot Consolidation, Cemetery Lane
- North Woodbury Township: Benfer Property Line Change, Cross Cove Road & Meadow Lane
- Taylor Township: Ritchey Property Line Change, Cabbage Creek Road

### **METROPOLITAN CLEARINGHOUSE**

11. 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** – James E Van Zandt VA Medical Center – Air Quality State-Only Operating Permit – Application to PA DEP
- **City of Altoona** – Geotech Engineering, Inc for Laughner and Patel Developers, Commonwealth Charter Academy – Chapter 102 Notification of Land Development Permit – Application to PA DEP
- **Roaring Spring Borough** – Keller Engineers for Roaring Spring Municipal Authority – Application for PennVEST funding – Source Water Pumping Station
- **Allegheny Township** – Gwin Dobson & Forman Engineers for Altoona Water Authority, Hollidaysburg Veterans Home 12-Inch Waterline – Chapter 105 Water Obstructions and Encroachments Permit; NPDES General Permit; Chapter 102 E&S Control Plan – Application to PA DEP
- **Antis Township** – Stiffler McGraw for Oak Grove Partnership – Joint Permit Application to PA DEP – Water obstruction and encroachment and USACE section 404 permit for Wayne Street Access
- **Blair Township** – PennTerra for Graystone Hollidaysburg, LLC, Graystone at Mattern Woods – Chapter 102 Notification of Land Development Permit – Application to PA DEP
- **Blair Township** – Keller Engineers for Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority, Reservoir Road Wastewater Extension Project – Act 537 Sewage Planning Module Component 4B – Application to PA DEP
- **Juniata Township** – LPR Energy LLC Notice of Intent with Susquehanna River Basin Commission for the consumptive use of water for drilling and development of natural gas wells on the Ritchey Unit Drilling Pad
- **North Woodbury Township** – Dan Gahagan for Brumbaugh Pullet Barns – Chapter 102 Notification of Land Development Permit – Application to PA DEP
- **North Woodbury Township** – The EADS Group for Valley Rural Electric, VRE Training Facility – Chapter 102 Notification of Land Development Permit – Application to PA DEP
- **Woodbury and Catharine Townships** – Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. for Penelec, a First Energy Company, Warrior Ridge 46kV W-Line Rebuild – Chapter 102 Notification of Land Development Permit – Application to PA DEP

**COORDINATION**12. 2035 Hollidaysburg Comprehensive Plan – Update**TRANSPORTATION**13. Transportation Planner's Report by Wes Burket

- Letter of support from the Blair Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to the US DOT for PennDOT's grant application for Altoona Station Platform and Accessibility Enhancement project.
- Letter of support from the Blair MPO to the US DOT for PennDOT's grant application for the State Route 453 Birmingham Pike Rockfall Solutions Project.
- Unified Planning Work Program submitted to PennDOT for the annual transportation planning work performed by Blair Planning for the Blair MPO, the County and the municipalities.
- Draft candidate list of eight local bridge projects and forms submitted to PennDOT for review and feedback. After PennDOT's feedback, we will request a Blair Planning Transportation Committing meeting to review/rank the candidate local bridge projects for the Transportation Improvement Program.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

14. Planning Director's Report -This is an opportunity for the Planning Director to present items of relevant information not included above.
  - Presentation of the Updated Planning Commission By-Laws
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Announcements
  - February 28 to March 2 -Blair County Home and Garden Show
  - February 28 – Public Hearing on Local Capacity by the Rural Population Revitalization Commission
  - March 3 -PennDOT Connects Steering Committee
  - March 4 -Altoona City Planning Committee Monthly Meeting
  - March 6 -Chamber Policy Committee Meeting
  - March 6 -Altoona Ordinance Rewrite Meeting
  - March 6 -LEPC Meeting
  - March 17 -Government Advisory Committee
  - March 19 –'Let's Move' Committee Meeting
  - March 19 -Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Monthly Meeting
  - March 20 -Altoona Ordinance Rewrite Meeting
  - March 26 -Food for Life
  - March 28 to April 2 -National Planning Conference

**ADJOURNMENT** -The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27 , 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at Altoona Water Authority, 900 Chestnut Avenue, Altoona PA.