

Liberty Township, Adams County
39 Topper Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
Planning Commission Monthly Meeting

June 20, 2023

The Planning Commission of Liberty Township, Adams County, met on Tuesday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Liberty Township Municipal Building, 39 Topper Road, Fairfield, for the regular monthly meeting.

Present: Judie Hogan, Chair; Barb Ruppert, Secretary; Luther Ridge; Horst Stehmer

Not Present: Rich Luquette, Vice Chair; Brandon Lowe, Alternate

Guests: Jenna Smith, Adams County Planning Office

Judie Hogan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Presentation:

Adams County Office of Planning and Development Presentation on Adams County Comprehensive Plan Historic Resources

Jenna Smith explained that the Heritage Plan is an update to the county comprehensive plan, which was last updated 2010. They are now updating the preservation plan (Heritage Plan), which hasn't been updated since 1991.

She is attending municipal meetings to capture the public's perception of historic preservation and understand historic resources they would like to learn more about. She has already met with the National Register of Historic Places. They want to capture stories of underrepresented groups and stories outside of the Civil War, which may not have been as well known.

They will create a map and other items for the project website.

The Planning Commission shared ideas on local historic resources to focus on preserving and learning more about, in addition to the Steelman Marker:

- Two old homes on Ranch Trail on west side of Rt. 16. Used to be the post office and general store, when the road was called T-311. Mary Elizabeth Buckham and Wilbur Shank might know more.
- On Friends Creek Rd., there is a pre-Civil War cabin with an addition. Judie can give her contact info.
- On Crum Rd. are one of the oldest homes in the county (1780s), which was perhaps a trading post, and the Abraham Krise Farmhouse, dating to about 1830. Ann Ruppert has info.
- Luther Ridge lives on the Douglas Piper property on Liberty Hall, dating to 1836-65.
- Bob Jackson could share info on the glider port.
- Art Snyder's home on Tract Rd. is historic.
- On Wenschhoff Rd., Richard Swiat's home is old. There are also old stone homes on Pumping Station Rd. and Middle Creek Rd.
- Grace Baptist Church on Tract Rd. and St. Mary's Cemetery near Fairfield are old.
- There's an old schoolhouse on Pecher Rd. Agatha Foscatto may have info.

Jenna has not yet talked to the Fairfield Historic Society.

She encouraged the public to take the survey on the project website: <https://adams-county-heritage-plan-adamsgis.hub.arcgis.com/> The survey will be open until the end of June.

Questions or comments, please contact Jenna at 717-337-9824 or jnsmith@adamscountypa.gov

Minutes: Luther Ridge motioned to approve the May 18 minutes, and Horst Stehmer seconded the motion. The May 18 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Comments:

None

Public Comment:

None

New Business:

None

Old Business:

Acknowledge Extension of Time to Review and Comment, Operation Second Chance, 17912 Harbaugh Valley Rd., RD 25B18-0024---000 Land Development Plan Dated 3/27/23

The PC will consider this at the July meeting because a revised plan is still under review.

At 8:04 p.m., Horst Stehmer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Luther Ridge seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion passed. The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Ruppert
Planning Commission Secretary