

Heidelberg Township
Lowhill Township
Lynn Township



NORTHERN LEHIGH PLAN

Slatington Borough
Washington Township
Weisenberg Township

The Northern Lehigh Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan

July 6th, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Steering Committee Attendees

Janice Meyers – Heidelberg Township
Rob Werley – Lowhill Township
Brian Carl – Lowhill & Weisenberg Townships
Brian Dietrich – Lynn Township
Bryon Reed – Slatington Borough
Dan Steven – Slatington Borough
Josh Friebolin – Washington Township
Linda Gorgas – Weisenberg Township
Tony Werley – Weisenberg Township

Planning Partners in Attendance

Becky Bradley – Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
Samantha Smith – Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
Geoff Reese – Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

Minutes

Introductions

Steering Committee attendees took roll call.

Becky Bradley introduced Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) staff in attendance.

Courtesy of the Floor

Brian Carl notes that warehouse proposals are getting a lot of the public's attention in Lowhill Township.

Josh Friebolin mentions a proposed barn wedding venue, located near Country View Restaurant, where the applicant asked for a variance.

Land Use Plan Maps Follow Up

Becky Bradley asks Committee members to discuss key things they marked up on the municipal maps. She indicates that municipal comments are expected due to local knowledge and familiarity with use and history of specific properties.

Brian Carl reviews the Weisenberg Township maps, noting comments on Maps 5, 8, 9 and 13.

Brian Carl and Rob Werley review the Lowhill Township maps, noting comments on Maps 5, 11 and 13.

Dan Stevens and Bryon Reed review the Slatington Borough maps, noting comments on Maps 5, 8, 11, 12 and 13.

Brian Dietrich reviews the Lynn Township maps, noting comments on Map 5. After discussion, it was

determined that additional municipal review is necessary on the draft data maps.

Janice Meyers reviews the Heidelberg Township maps, noting comments on Maps 8 and 13.

Josh Friebolin indicates that further review of the Washington Township maps is necessary.

Land use map discussion concludes with Lynn and Washington Township maps to be provided to the LVPC at a future date.

General Land Use Plan and Development Discussion

Becky Bradley discusses the relationship between land use and development – particularly development capacity in Northern Lehigh as a follow-up to previous discussion regarding residential capacity in agricultural areas.

Geoff Reese presents a preliminary analysis of residential development capacity in agricultural zoning areas in Heidelberg and Lynn Townships. The analysis is based on land and parcel area, and what the zoning standards allow. Brian Dietrich and Brian Carl request that the analysis be further refined to consider land area and parcels in agricultural preservation easements.

Adjournment