

# The Northern Lehigh Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan

## Update Meeting

October 6, 2020 – 5:30 PM, Virtual

### **Steering Committee Attendees:**

Dawn Didra – Heidelberg Township  
Janice Meyers – Heidelberg township  
Robb A. Werley – Lowhill Township  
Steve Bachman – Lowhill Township  
Brian Carl – Lowhill & Weisenberg Townships  
Brian Dietrich – Lynn Township  
Jason Ruff – Slatington Borough  
Todd Weidman – Washington Township  
Linda Gorgas – Weisenberg Township  
Tony Werley – Weisenberg Township

### **Members of the Public in Attendance:**

Matt Link, Superintendent NL District  
Cindy Miller, Vice Chair Greater Northern Lehigh Chamber  
Virginia Haas, Lehigh County  
Kylie Adams, Greater Northern Lehigh Chamber Liaison  
Jon Hall, Vice Chair Greater Northern Lehigh Chamber  
Kevin Schmidt, Neff's National Bank  
Gary Fedorcha, Merluzzi Insurance & Financial Services  
Andy Gildner, Chair Greater Northern Lehigh Chamber

### **Planning Partners in Attendance:**

Bethany Vazquez – Lehigh Valley Planning Commission  
Charlie Doyle – Lehigh Valley Planning Commission  
David Towsey – Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

### **Introductions**

Steering Committee attendees took roll call.

### **Courtesy of the Floor**

Mr. Ruff mentioned that there is a group who is trying to dismantle the Northern Lehigh Recreation Authority, to which the group discussed issues concerning the authority.

Mr. Bachman mentioned that grant money was received to put walking trails in the recreation fields on behalf of Weisenberg, Lynn, Lowhill and Heidelberg. The recreation fields have been a collective effort that has been ongoing for more than a year.

Mr. Weidman updated the Steering Committees with news regarding a court decision on side of the Township on a Wedding Barn Appeals, where the appeal was currently withdrawn from future appeals.

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**NL Plan Small Business Presentation:**

Mr. Doyle began the presentation by explaining the purpose of the NL Plan as well as provided the attendees with a timeline and list of accomplishment of the planning effort thus far. Mr. Doyle then continued with an overview of the Northern Lehigh Region's Issues and Opportunities Report's findings.

The following information was presented:

- Unmet needs by the business community
- Future priorities of businesses
- Relationships with the public and community
- Balance of the land development with impacts of urban sprawl as we get more requests for apartments from the influx of people moving into the region
- Parking issues and impacts on businesses within Slatington
- Storefront revitalization of Main Street, Slatington

**Steering Committee Business:**

The group discussed upcoming details for a Farmers Group Outreach Meeting with potential dates to be addressed through online outreach. The group decided the issue of outreach would be pursued during future meetings and will provide contacts for potential attendees or personally reach out for coordination.

**Adjournment**