



Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2024

1. President Harris called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Pledge
3. Members present: Arendtsville, Bendersville, Biglerville Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Littlestown, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamiltonban, Mt. Joy, Oxford, Straban, Bermudian Springs, Conewago Valley, Littlestown Area, & Count of Adams
Others present: Nancy Bull (Joyce), Chris Kimple (Moul), Catherine Wallen (Ecker), Karl Pietrzak & Lt. Jason Haines (PSP)
4. May Minutes: A motion was made by), seconded by to approve the May minutes as presented. Motion carried.
5. Treasurer Report: The balance in the checkbook is \$13167.19.
6. Speaker: Karl Pietrzak, Destination Gettysburg provided a presentation on the impact of tourism in Adams County. Reviewed the tourism industry in the past year. Discussed the vision and mission of Destination Gettysburg. Discussed the trends in lodging revenues and economic impact. Gettysburg is the # one place to visit. Mentioned marketing strategies. Discussed the Adams County Blossum and Black History trail being introduced and the progress of the Ag Discovery Center. Little Round Top will be reopening.
7. New Business:
 - Barb Underwood provided a brief discussion on the Fire Study and the importance of communication between municipalities and their fire departments. A copy of the Fire Study is on the COG web page on the Adams County web site. A letter regarding the Fire Study is being sent out to see if there would be interest through out the group to update and revise the fire study. Please be ready to discuss at the July meeting.
 - It was decided that refreshments at our meeting would be a nice touch.
8. Regular Business:
 - a. Adams County Commissioners: Commissioner Phiel mentioned 3 grants were provided for the green space program. A few EDUs from the County have been given to AGCom. Rusty Ryan is retiring from the Conservation District. Deb Mussleman will take over.
 - b. Legislative Representatives: The FAA airport improvement program funding awards will be going to Gettysburg Airport in the amount of 708000.00. July 5, at 11 am the Ambassadors of Ireland and France will be at the Gettysburg Visitor center. Family Fun Night 5-8 at Cross Keys Park. Budget talks. HB 2153 Prevailing wage bill.
 - c. ACOPD: Andrew Merkle discussed the Fire Study and what the Planning Office was originally tasked to do (looking at service areas and the potential for consolidation/sharing services) and how the study ended up being a tax/funding study which is not their role or area of expertise.
 - d. Township Association: Secretary Luncheon July 30. Annual Conference November 20th.

- e. Borough's Association: No Report
- f. PSP: Gearing up for the July 4th weekend and Bike Week.
- g. Destination Gettysburg: Speaker
- h. ACTCC: No Report
- i. School Districts: Representatives from the schools shared they are waiting on the State Budget. Updates on School Schedules were provided
- j. AEA: No Report
- k. @ Home: A pole will be sent out to municipalities. Working with Commute PA about Walk, Bike, Bus program. July 22, 1p.m. Coalition meeting to discuss bike sharing in Adams County.

9. Committee Reports:

- a. AC Collaboration: Will be getting info out about Cyber Security Survey possibly October.
- b. Legislative: No Report
- c. Emergency Services: No Report
- d. PA COG: No Report
- e. Broad Band Task Force: 3 videos have been prepared. They are on the County website.

10. Public Comment: The August meeting CSX will be here. Informative and Entertaining.

11. Announcements:

12. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Adams County Cog Secretary

Butler Township