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MVEDP FY 2021 Board of Directors



Front Row Left to Right: Dr. Karen Blair, Dr. Robert Steward, Jr., Bryan Bennett, Steve Lynch, Dustin Minarchick, Wanda Ryen, Jim Pollock
Back Row Left to Right: Fritz Smith, Centre County Commissioner Mark Higgins, John Shimko, Rusty Christoff, Tom Scott, Laura Koshko, Gene Wardo Jeff Herr, Bill Jones

Executive Director's Message



I was very fortunate to achieve a personal milestone recently when, on December 3rd, I completed my 30th year at the MVEDP. Thirty years, wow, a reason

to be proud. I am also proud of our long-tenured staff and their commitment to our work. We are

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MVEDP Board Election Held in October

The MVEDP held its annual board of directors election in October. There were 8 candidates for the five available seats. The five incumbents all chose to be on the ballot with a goal of retaining their seats on the board

The slate of candidates for the board was outstanding. There were 61 ballots returned to the office by the due date of October 16th.

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Board of Directors Election Update Continued from page 1

The results of the election:

Bryan Bennett	52-61
Dustin Minarchick	50-61
Dr. Bob Steward Jr.	49-61
Steve Lyncha	44-61
Laura Koshko	41-61
Josiah Jones	36-61
Pauline Raab	20-61
Bob Etchells	13-61

The five incumbent board members were able to retain their seats on the board. A sincere thank you to the three candidates that agreed to challenge the incumbents in the election.

MVEDP Board-Officers Installed

On Tuesday, November 17th, the MVEDP’s Board of Directors installed a new slate of officers for fiscal year 2021. The vote was unanimous to install the following board members as officers:

President	Bryan Bennett
1 st Vice President	Dustin Minarchick
Vice President	Wanda Ryen
Vice President	Karen Blair
Treasurer	Laura Holden
Asst. Treasurer	Jim Pollock

MVEDP Assists Centre County with Distribution of PPE

The MVEDP was contacted by Centre County officials regarding the distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) throughout the Philipsburg region. The MVEDP was more than willing to assist with the distribution of PPE in the effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. Within 30 days, over 70% of the PPE that was made available had been distributed to businesses in this region.

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honored to serve a very qualified board of directors that is dedicated to improving the Moshannon Valley region. As I have said before, it is the board of directors that drives the decision-making here and my job is to help “steer the ship” with the valued assistance of our staff.

In spite of the COVID-19 virus, there is much going on in the office at this time. We have been selling land, making loans, and renting space. And at the same time, we are closely monitoring our properties for the COVID-19 virus.

It is encouraging to see the area’s manufacturers as busy as they are. Billboards and other advertising list the availability of jobs at a number of these companies. Young people need to know that manufacturing jobs are good, family-sustaining opportunities.

On behalf of the board of directors and staff, we thank our members for your long time support and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Tom Scott to be Leaving the MVEDP Board of Directors



After serving 32 years on the MVEDP’s board of directors, previously as a founder and president, and still as the chairman of the Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Tom Scott will soon be leaving the board. Tom and his wife Jan will soon be moving to the north Pittsburgh region. Tom was re-elected to the board in an election every three years. Tom’s background in accounting and business has been very important to the board of directors over the years. We will miss Tom on the board.

**MVEDP Board of Directors -
First Year of Service & Tenure
Through November 30, 2020**

	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Tenure Thru Nov. 30, 2020</u>
Bill Jones	1988	32 Years
Jim Pollock	1988	32 Years
Tom Scott	1988	32 Years
Robert Steward, Jr.	1991	29 Years
Jeff Herr	1999	21 Years
John Shimko	2004	16 Years
Gene Wardo	1998-2011	13 Years
	2019-2020	1 Year
Karen Blair	2007	13 Years
Rusty Christoff	2011	9 Years
Steve Lyncha	2012	8 Years
Laura Koshko	2014	6 Years
Bryan Bennett	2014	6 Years
Dustin Minarchick	2016	4 Years
Wanda Ryen	2018	2 Years
Fritz Smith	2018	2 Years

MVEDP RLF Program

The MVEDP’s Revolving Loan Fund program has been available to local businesses since 1988. The matching loan funding can be used for working capital, machinery and equipment or land and buildings. The interest rate is as low as 2.5%! One of the most outstanding features of the program is the quick turnaround time. Once a reviewable application is received, the loan committee will meet and if the loan is approved, the money provided to the borrower in less than 30 days. Contact the MVEDP at 342-2260 if you have a business seeking loan financing.

**MVEDP Loan Committee
Approves Loan to MVEMS**

The MVEDP’s Revolving Loan Fund Committee approved a loan to the Moshannon Valley Emergency Medical Services for the purchase of a new ambulance. The loan of \$78,135 was the tenth loan approved to the MVEMS. Eight of the previous nine loans were also for the purchase of new ambulances.

**Concrete Simplicity Finds
New Home at the
Enterprise Center**

In September, Karen Reese, Professional Engineer, found herself in a bit of a bind when her landlord in the Woodland area said that he needed her to vacate the space that she was renting. Karen is the owner of a business named Concrete Simplicity Consulting & Supply LLC. She began her search for a new home and one of the first contacts that she made was to the MVEDP.

As a stocking distributor of construction materials specializing in bridge and roadway construction, one detail of her search that was unique was that she that she needed a building area that would also have space for her to park a vehicle or two indoors. The MVEDP had just the space that Karen was looking for: a 4,925 square foot space at its Moshannon Valley Enterprise Center that included a garage area. Another key element of the Moshannon Valley Enterprise Center that Karen saw as beneficial to her business was the common loading dock area that can be used to manage both incoming and outgoing shipments.

Business retention is a key component of the MVEDP’s mission and this effort to help Karen find a new home for her business is a perfect example of the work that the MVEDP does to meet that important mission.

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Two MVEDP Projects on SEDA-COG Prioritization List for 2021/22

The MVEDP was pleased to learn that the SEDA-Council of Governments has included two MVEDP projects on their project priority list. Having the projects included on their priority list is important because future federal grant and loan funding is at stake. SEDA-COG is a regional development group based in Lewisburg and it covers an 11 county region including Centre County.

SEDA-COG staff regularly assess all of the projects that are being proposed within the 11-county region. There are currently nine projects on their priority list and two of those are MVEDP project proposals. Being prioritized can result in federal grant funding through the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. The MVEDP has used federal EDA funding for previous projects such as the Enterprise Center, Moshannon Valley Regional Business Park, Regional Business Center, and RLF Program.

The two projects included on the SEDA-COG priority list include the former hospital site on Lochlomond Road, and a proposed business park development project targeting the Rt. 504 area in Rush Township.

The MVEDP wishes to recognize Centre County Commissioner Mark Higgins for his work to ensure that the MVEDP's projects were included on the priority list. Mr. Higgins is Centre County's representative on the SEDA-COG board of directors.

Advertising Opportunity

Reserve your space in the **“Moshannon Valley Progress.”** Take advantage of absolutely **free** advertising for your business. Contact the Partnership for details. Contact Sharon Yingling at 814-342-2260 or send an email to sharonf@mvedp.org. Advertising is free to Partnership members only. Limited space available so call today.

MVEDP and the Philipsburg Revitalization Corporation to Enter Into New Cooperation Agreement

Beginning in the mid-1990s, the MVEDP has supported downtown revitalization efforts in Philipsburg Borough. Over \$500,000 has been spent on revitalization work since the year 2000. The MVEDP and the Philipsburg Revitalization Corporation (PRC) will soon be entering into a new cooperation agreement for fiscal year 2021.

The MVEDP will continue to provide cash for the PRC's management of the downtown development efforts. The MVEDP also plans to provide a cash match to the funds now being spent on the PRC's revitalization of the property located at 104/110 N. Front Street. Economic and community development go hand-in-hand and the downtown revitalization effort in Philipsburg Borough is a perfect example of what can be accomplished when there is cooperation between multiple development organizations.

MVEDP Pursues Project to Create New Floorplan of MVEC

The Moshannon Valley Enterprise Center is critical to the economic development efforts of the MVEDP. It's importance to economic and community development efforts cannot be overstated. The original floor plan of the MVEC was created in 1989 and since that time, there have been major changes to the floor plan of the building with new offices built, classrooms, walls removed and/or added.

The MVEDP has hired the firm of Hughes Bohley Engineering to create a new and up-to-date floor plan of the Enterprise Center. There will be large paper copies of the floor plan created but just as importantly will be the electronic versions of the plan that will be available too. Having the electronic versions available will make it much easier to get the MVEC information out to prospects looking for building space. The new floor plan of the MVEC will make this facility even more competitive in our work to attract outside business to the area, assist entrepreneurs, and help existing businesses.

Advanced Powder Products Addition is Completed



The new 27,000 sf. addition has been completed at Advanced Powder Products manufacturing facility located within the Regional Business Park. The addition will result in great-

er manufacturing capabilities at this company, and the creation of new job opportunities. Congratulations to Don Heaney and his team at APP. APP is a terrific success story as the company was started by two people in 2004 and now has over 65 full-time employees with more job openings still available evidenced by the billboard advertising that is seen around town.



The MVEDP assisted APP with a state loan through the PA Industrial Development Authority. The loan of just over \$1.8 million will be applied to the total project cost of just over \$3.6 million. The loan is scheduled to close before December 31st. This state loan program can be matched with bank financing and equity. The MVEDP is the only Certified Economic Development Organization located within Centre County that can put these loans together for businesses located throughout the county.

Thank You Members!

The Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership thanks you for your support of our economic & community development efforts!

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 Nittany Office Equipment, Inc.
 Olenick's Printing
 Penelec, A First Energy Company
 Penn Highlands of Philipsburg
 Pre-Cut Lumber
 Ricotta Jewelry

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Space Available at the Enterprise Center

The Partnership's staff is working diligently to recruit new businesses to the Enterprise Center facility. Wanda Ryen of Ryen Realty is representing this property and she and her staff are hard at work trying to find businesses that need good space for their operations. The table below identifies the suites that are currently available.



Suite 130-A	15,000 sf.
Suite 130-B	11,000 sf.
Suite 190	10,000 sf.



Suite 130-A
15,000 sf.

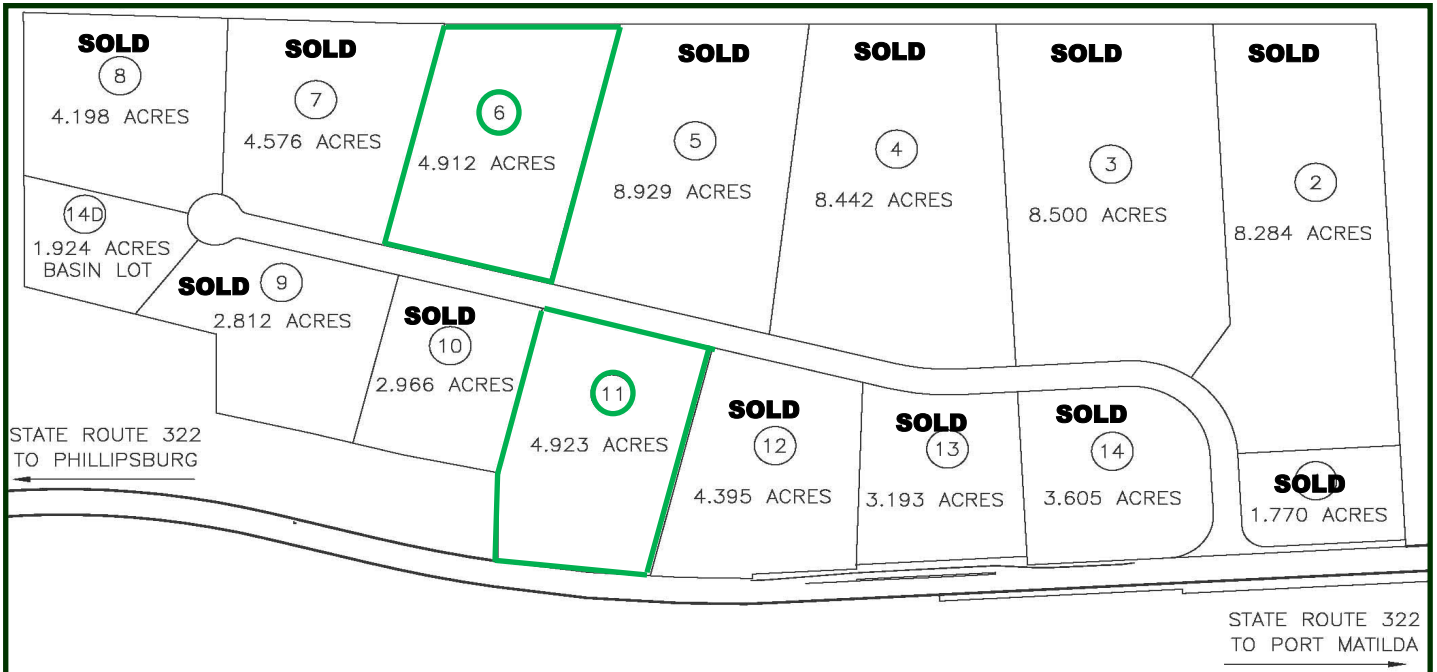


Suite 190
10,000 sf.



Suite 130-B
11,000 sf.

Lots Available in the Moshannon Valley Regional Business Park



Membership Renewals

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Rush Township
Sharon Foreman Beauty Shop
Skills of Central PA
Stahl Sheaffer Engineering, LLC
Stone Valley Construction
The Philipsburg Journal
UMI Performance
Vaux Electronics
Windy Hill Village of the Presbyterian Home

MVEDP Has Dedicated/ Long-Serving Staff

The MVEDP has five full-time employees, three that manage the office and two that maintain the MVEDP's properties. Four of the MVEDP's five staff members have been with the organization at least **19 years**.

Dave Baughman, Maintenance Supervisor	33 years/8 mo.
Stan LaFuria, Exec. Dir.	30 years
Sherrie Beals, Office Manager	20 years/7 mo.
Sharon Yingling, Administrative Assistant	19 years
Rich Dixon	3 years/3 mo.

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