

**WAYNE COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS**

# Wayne County Planning Commission Members Representative Municipalities 2024

**Robert Flynn**

Scott  
Starrucca  
Preston  
Buckingham



**Paul Meagher Jr.**

Mt. Pleasant  
Lebanon  
Dyberry  
Bethany

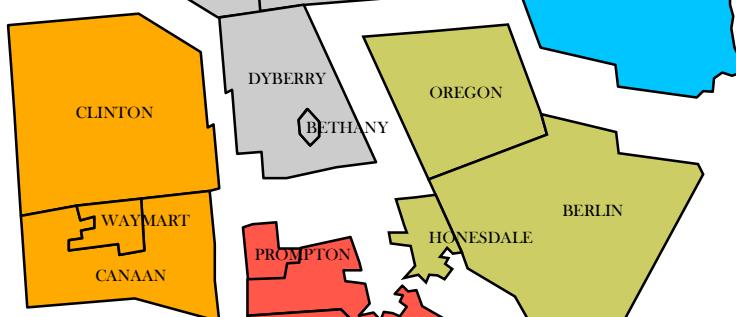


**William Troop**

Manchester  
Damascus

**Ronald Shemanski**

Clinton  
Canaan  
Waymart

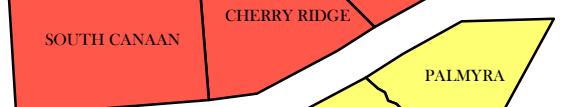


**Richard Henry**

Honesdale  
Oregon  
Berlin

**Peter Ridd**

Cherry Ridge  
South Canaan  
Texas  
Prompton



**Kathy Enslin**

Lake  
Salem



**Alan Highhouse**

Palmyra  
Paupack  
Hawley

**Kurt Caruth**

Sterling  
Dreher  
Lehigh



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**WILLIAM TROOP, Chairman** – A Wayne County native, William Troop was appointed to the Wayne County Planning Commission in January of 1998. He represents *Damascus and Manchester Townships*. Mr. Troop graduated from Honesdale High School and Devry Technical Institute in New Jersey. He owned and operated Troop Electronic Service until his retirement in 2002. He retired from Wayne Highlands School District in 2017. Mr. Troop served as a Pennsylvania state constable for 12 years. He is past president of the Beach Lake Fire Company and a past president of the Dessim Animal Shelter Board. Formerly he served as a member of the Texas Township Planning Board, CPR and EMT instructor and president of the Honesdale Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Mr. Troop lives in Atco with his wife Beth. His planning commission term will expire in December 2025.

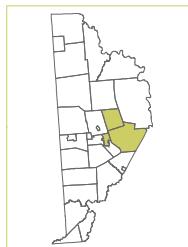
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**PETER RIDD, Vice Chairman** – Mr. Ridd was appointed to the Wayne County Planning Commission in January of 2009 and represents *Cherry Ridge, South Canaan, and Texas Townships and Prompton Borough*. He is a Wayne County native and has operated Thomas Spinning Lures, a fishing lure manufacturing business located in Hawley, since 1985. Mr. Ridd is also currently chairman of the Cherry Ridge Township Zoning Hearing Board. He is a member of St. John the Evangelist parish and resides in Cherry Ridge with his wife Barbara. Mr. Ridd's term expires in December 2026.



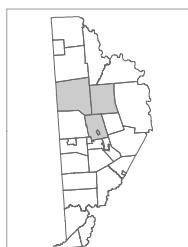
**ALAN J. HIGHHOUSE, Secretary** – A resident of Lakeville, Mr. Highhouse represents *Palmyra and Paupack Townships* as well as *Hawley Borough*. Mr. Highhouse was appointed to the Wayne County Planning Commission in January of 1992, and currently serves as Secretary. He is also an officer in the Civil Air Patrol (U.S.A.F. Auxiliary) and serves as chief of staff for Group 4 (N.E.PA). Mr. Highhouse is a member of Queen of Peace Church in Hawley, a Life member of Texas No. 4 Fire Company, a member of the Fire Police at Lakeville Company 18 and a volunteer staff member of Wayne County Emergency Management. He is a graduate of Honesdale High School and graduated from Lehigh University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Economics. Mr. Highhouse has served as C.E.O. of Highhouse Oil Co. Inc. since 1969. Mr. Highhouse's term will expire in December of 2027.



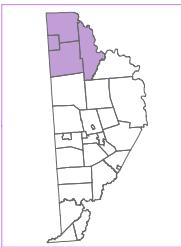
**RICHARD B. HENRY** – Mr. Henry was appointed to the Planning Commission in January 1996. He represents *Honesdale Borough and Berlin and Oregon Townships*. Mr. Henry maintains a legal practice in Honesdale, PA and includes as part of his practice municipal law. He formerly served on the editorial staff of “The Wayne Independent” where one of his functions was to monitor local government and areas of land use and planning. He has since authored or co-authored a number of municipal ordinances, including ones involving land use, planning and subdivision. Mr. Henry is active in the Wayne County Bar Association, formerly serving as president. He grew up in Wayne County, graduating from Honesdale High School and currently lives with his family in Beach Lake. Mr. Henry holds degrees from Rider College, Trenton, New Jersey, and Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio. His term will expire in December of 2027.



**RONALD SHEMANSKI** – A Wayne County native, Ronald Shemanski was appointed to the Wayne County Planning Commission in January of 2023 to replace Alfred K. Bucconear who served since 2008. He represents Canaan and Clinton Townships and Waymart Borough. Mr. Shemanski graduated from Western Wayne High School in 1992 and Penn State Worthington with a two-year associates degree in Business Administration in 1994. He currently owns Shemanski Maple Syrup. He is a Canaan Township Supervisor and serves as Chairman of the Board, Roadmaster, Emergency Management Coordinator and alternate member of the Canaan Township Planning Commission. He is currently Vice President of the Northeastern Maple Producers Association and past President and Vice President of the Pennsylvania Maple Syrup Producers Council. Mr. Shemanski resides in Waymart, Canaan Township. His term will expire in December 2026.



**PAUL MEAGHER JR** – Mr. Meagher was appointed to the Planning Commission in January of 2022. He represents *Bethany Borough, Dyberry, Mt. Pleasant and Lebanon Townships*. Mr. Meagher was born and raised in Wayne County. He graduated from Honesdale High School and the University of Scranton. Paul is the President and CEO of Meagher Insurance and Financial Services. Mr. Meagher serves on the Wayne Woodlands Board of Directors and the Greater Honesdale Partnership Board of Directors. Paul is a past Board member of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and a former director of the Wayne County Public Library. He is a member of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Honesdale where he serves as a lector. He resides in Dyberry Township with his wife Jenny and his four children Paul III, Anne, Erin and Claire. His term expires in December 2025.



**ROBERT FLYNN** – Mr. Flynn was appointed to the Wayne County Planning Commission in January of 2020. He represents *Buckingham, Preston and Scott Townships* as well as *Starrucca Borough*. Mr. Flynn was born and raised in Lakewood, PA and attended Hancock Central School. After furthering his education at Rutgers University and the Graham School for Cattlemen majoring in Animal Science and Anthropology he returned home and took over the family farm. Mr.

Flynn currently owns and operates Flynn Stone and Cattle Company along with Flynn Stone Design and Fabrication. Mr. Flynn and his three sons (who reside in California, Texas and Washington, DC) have supplied stone to such notable places as the US Capitol, the Niche Wall at Arlington National Cemetery, the Holocaust Memorial in New Jersey, and the Peace Memorial in Japan. Their stone has also been approved for a project at the White House Rose Garden. Two former US Presidents are also clients of Mr. Flynn. A more recent project was the Great Hunger Memorial on Deer Island in Boston, Massachusetts of which Mr. Flynn donated the stone. Mr. Flynn enjoys working and is proud of the involvement of his sons in the family business. Mr. Flynn's term will expire in December of 2028.



**KURT CARUTH** – Mr. Caruth was appointed to the Planning Commission in December 2020. He represents *Lehigh, Dreher and Sterling Townships*. Mr. Caruth was employed by IBM Corporation in various customer service positions in CT, MA, NJ and NY from 1983 through 2017. Currently Mr. Caruth owns and operates Caruth Bus Lines, Inc., a school and charter bus operation serving the Western Wayne School District and several private companies. He is a member

of Salem Masonic Lodge 330 in Hamlin and is active in the Salem Community Church. In addition, Mr. Caruth is currently serving as President of the Sterling Township Parks and Recreation committee and is also a member of the Sterling Township Planning Commission. Mr. Caruth's term will expire in December 2025.



**KATHLEEN ENSLIN** – Ms. Enslin was appointed to the Planning Commission in December 2020. A resident of Lake Township, she represents *Lake and Salem Townships*. Ms. Enslin is a Wayne County native and has been employed at The Honesdale National Bank since 1999. She is the President of the Wayne County Business and Professional Women's Club. Ms. Enslin resides in Lake Ariel with her husband Gary. Her term will expire in December of 2028.

## Past Planning Commission Members

The Wayne County Planning Commission was created September 23, 1964. The first meeting was held November 12, 1964, with the Board consisting of the following people:

- James E. McKeehen
- Gerard Adams, Sr.
- Lester F. Burlein
- Carl F. Odell
- Charles F. Fredericks
- Douglas Thorpe
- Alfred H. Haase
- Beulah Tiel
- S. Elmore Haag

Through the history of the Wayne County Planning Commission, the following people have also served:

W. Robert Bennett	Kenneth Bailey	George W. Stanton
Robert Gilchrist	A.G. Petrasek	Maurice Bateridge
Melvin Swendsen	Gerard (Rod) Adams	Richard Nash
Arthur Davis	Arthur Goerlitz	Robert Bird
Willard Varcoe	Jack Edwards	George Hocker
Robert Haag	Robert Lubinski	William Theobald
Vicky Lamberton	Frank Ward	Daniel Liptak
Kuni Holbert	Donald Olsommer	Mark S. Davis
Matthew Meagher	Alfred Bucconear	