

America250PABerks Agenda
February 18, 2026- 8:00am

Welcome - Commissioner Leinbach

Public Comment Notice -

Public Comments on Agenda Items -

Old Business - (We are running out of time. We are not planning any new stand-alone committee events)

- Update from America250PA
 - Rescheduling kickoff from last Sat. Let's set the best date for the committee
 - America250PA will try to send a Rep. if the date works
 - We would use the same agenda we had for the original event
- Committee Reports
 - Website Committee www.America250PABerks.com - Heather Adams Chair
 - Social Media/Events Update - Jonathan Heintzman
 - Berks County Liberty Bell - Christian Leinbach
 - Discuss 2026 event (*This will be the final event of America250PA Berks*)
 - AG Committee - Mary Shah
 - Underground Rail Road - Dr. Tamara Smith/Pastor Brookins/Phyllis Mitchell
 - History Committee - Laurel Miller
 - Art & Culture Committee - Keri Shultz
 - 2026 America250PABerks Celebration Book - Donna Reed & Laurel Miller Co-Chairs Book design and production on the Berks/US 275th. Considering joint America250PA Berks County & Berks275th.
 - Youth Library Project - Todd Hummel/JotForm has been purchased for the Berks County Library system

Old Business -

- *Conrad Weiser Charter Day - \$1500
- *National Ag Day, March 17th PA Kutztown German Heritage Center \$1000
- City of Reading Earth Day 4/18/26 - \$1000
- *Daniel Boone Homestead event 6/2/26 \$1000
- WW II Weekend - \$???
- Americana Fest - Berks Parks & Rec. – 6/20/26
- West Reading-Wyomissing Rotary Club Field of Honor 7/2/26
- *Reading Buccaneers in the official America250PA Parade in Philadelphia 7/3/26 \$3500 entrance fee
- *Wyomissing 4th of July Parade 7/4/26 \$???

 - Reenactors
 - Liberty Fire Company Museum

- Star Spangled Spectacular Berks County Fairgrounds w/ the RSO & Fireworks 7/4/26
- *Berks County Liberty Bell Event.
 - Date 7/8/2026
 - Front of Berks County Services Center.
 - Ringgold Band - confirmed
 - Perform 11:40am until noon

- National Anthem - Prior to Pledge
- God Bless America - middle after Reading of the Declaration
- America the Beautiful - Closing
- Program begins at Noon 7/8/26.
 - Welcome - Commissioner Leinbach
 - Introduction of Special Guests - Commissioner Leinbach
 - Opening Prayer - Rabbi Michaelson
 - National Anthem - Ringgold Band and audience
 - Pledge -
 - History of the Bell - Berks History Center
 - Speaker America250PA -
 - God Bless America - Ringgold Band with Audience
 - Ringing the Bell - 13 strikes (possibly after prior to German and Spanish reading as well. Need direction from BHC.)
 - Reading of the Declaration of Ind. -
 - Reading in Spanish -
 - Reading in German - Laurel Miller
 - Comments from Commissioners
 - Rivera
 - Santoni
 - Leinbach - We will likely use this event to end the 250th and transition focus towards the Berks275th
 - Closing Prayer - Judge Scott Lash
 - American the Beautiful - Ringgold Band and Audience

New Business -

Co-Branding events and organizations

- Signage - for venue and event
- Digital logo - for website, social media, videos, etc.
- Experience Reading & Berks County VB
 - Co-Branded listing
 - Co-Branded event
- Funding - Approved by Commissioners
 - See above

Upcoming Events -

Next Meeting - The next meeting Wed., Mar. 18, 2026

Public Comments

Adjourn