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## **Igniting a Healthy Chester County Economy – Panelists Biographies**

### **Brian O'Leary, AICP, Executive Direction for the Chester County Planning Commission**

Brian O'Leary is the Executive Director of the Chester County Planning Commission, where he manages commission staff working on smart growth, land use, comprehensive planning, revitalization, housing, site design, historic preservation, open space, transportation, trails, and pipelines. He has over 25 years of experience in community planning. Brian has a BA in international relations from Johns Hopkins University and an MBA in real estate/urban land studies from Temple University. He is currently the past president of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association and the government board representative for the Delaware Valley Smart Growth Alliance.

### **Gary W. Smith, Chester County Economic Development Council as President and CEO.**

Gary joined the Council in 1976 and pioneered award-winning programs of below market-rate financing, agricultural economic development, brownfields redevelopment, conduit funding for commercial construction, industry partnerships, urban revitalization and multi-agency collaboration. During his tenure, the Council has secured over \$275 million in external funding for 420 plus projects ranging from regional economic revitalization to workforce development. The Council's programs and services have helped to create over 175,000 new jobs; assisted in retaining more than 190,000 existing jobs; and brokered more than \$13.5 billion in commercial financing loans. Over 8,000 new businesses have also been established during that period.

### **Neal E. Fisher Jr., PE, Vice President of Development, Hankin Group.**

Neal has been involved in civil engineering since 1997 and oversees site design, traffic impacts, stormwater management, environmental impacts, fiscal impacts and utility coordination for all Hankin Group's residential and commercial land development projects. Neal is a Board member of TMAAC and the Downingtown Education Foundation.

### **Tony Scheivert , Township Manager, New Garden Township**

Tony has served in this role since January 2015. Prior to joining New Garden Township, Tony spent 10 year with Caln Township in central Chester County. During his time with Caln, Tony served on the Board of the Downingtown- Thorndale Chamber of Commerce.

In Tony's two years with New Garden Township he has assisted the New Garden Township Board of Supervisors with the sale of its Wastewater Treatment System, Regionalizing New Garden Police Department with neighboring West Grove Borough, establishing a Township fund investment policy, obtaining multiple

grant awards for Open Space Preservation, road improvements and New Garden Airport Improvements, and vastly improved communications and outreach within the community.

**The members of the CCATO Executive Committee would like to acknowledge and thank all of the conference session participants for the time and efforts taken to prepare and present at the 2018 Spring Conference, it is appreciated!**