

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Carl Schaeffer called the Planning Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at the Washington Township Municipal Building. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Chairman, Carl Schaeffer, Frank Gehringer, Mark Bedle, Daniel Stauffer, Mike Ewing, and Russ Drabick. John Weber representing LTL Consultants, Solicitor, Joan London, and Planning Commission Secretary, Lisa Boyer. There was one (1) member of the public in attendance this evening.

Jennifer Cunningham – absent

TAPING OF MEETING

The meeting was recorded as an aid in the preparation of the minutes. It was noted that Planning Commission Secretary, Lisa Boyer was taping the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR MEETING ON MARCH 5, 2026

A motion was made by Frank Gehringer and seconded by Mark Bedle to approve the minutes as prepared for the March 5, 2026, Planning Commission meeting.

All ayes

Daniel Stauffer abstained

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

NEW SUBMITTAL

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUBDIVISION REVIEW

Dale Road Subdivision – revised plan dated 01/14/26

The applicant did not attend the meeting. They are still working on the Planning Module. No action was taken this evening.

SUBDIVISION EXTENSIONS

A motion was made by Mike Ewing and seconded by Russ Drabick to recommend granting the following subdivision extension:

Dale Road Subdivision

05/04/26 – 08/01/26

All ayes

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Discussion on Barto Gas LLC- Intermunicipal Transfer of Liquor License R18917
Solicitor Joan London reported that at the March 26, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting the applicant and their attorney made a presentation to the Board for feedback on allowing the Shell Station at the intersection of Barto Road and Route 100 to sell beer and malt beverages mainly for take-out. The license would be transferred from the former On the Border restaurant in the Borough of Wyomissing, requiring a hearing on the proposed transfer. The license will be a Restaurant (R) license which will require having tables and chairs in the licensed are (shown on the sketch provided to the Board of Supervisors) allowing on-premise consumption with sale of food, but Attorney London reiterated the representation that the applicant intends to strictly limit on-premises consumption (one beverage limit). The initial hearing originally scheduled for 3/26/26 has been rescheduled for 4/23/26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. The Planning Commission heard and discussed the Board’s concern about traffic on-site and illegal turns into the site, but had no comments to be given to the Board of Supervisors on the matter.

Discussion on Proposed Data Center Zoning Ordinance

Solicitor Joan London gave a status report on the Proposed Data Center Zoning Ordinance. Increasing the minimum acres to 10, a sound study and increasing the distance to 500 ft. for sensitive receptors were all notable changes that were made, and two that had been missed on pages 5 & 6 were added. The proposed ordinance should be reviewed by the County Planning Commission before the May 21st 2026 Board of Supervisor’s meeting, for which advertising for proposed adoption has been authorized.

COMMUNICATIONS

- BOS Meeting Minutes dated 12/18/25
- BOS Meeting Minutes dated 02/26/26
- PRB Meeting Minutes dated 02/10/26
- EAC Meeting Minutes dated 02/11/26

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. *(if needed)*

The next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The next PRB Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The next EAC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mike Ewing and seconded by Mark Bedle to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Boyer
Planning Commission Secretary