

# ***DISTRICT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES***

March 4, 2026

## **Call to Order**

The BUSINESS meeting of the District Township Planning Commission was held on March 4, 2026, at the Township Municipal Building, 202 Weil Road, Boyertown, PA 19512. Piper Sherburne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Planning Commission Chair Piper Sherburne, members Michael Carr Lou Farina, and Ron Leibowitz. The Township Engineer Mr. Weber, Township Solicitor Mr. Orlando and Secretary Jen Sauerwald were also present. Eric Strauss was absent.

## **Agenda**

The March 4, 2026 BUSINESS meeting agenda was posted to the District Township website and municipal building on 03/03/2026.

## **Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Leibowitz, seconded by Mr. Carr to approve the Business meeting minutes as written of the February 4, 2026 Business meeting. All in favor.

**Correspondence:** No action taken

## **Current Plans:**

Schmidt Subdivision – 58 Groff Road – May 22, 2026 No action taken

## **Old Business:**

EBJCP – Discussion on potential changes or overlay for an ordinance addressing Data Centers - Mr. Weber will contact Topton and Rockland Engineers and have the question posed at their respective Planning Commission meetings.

## **Public Participation:**

Mr. Ryan Brett of Berks Nature provided an overview on grant monies available for potential revitalization of the township's trails.

- DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) has a 50% cash match. Urban forestry and park rehabilitation which trail revitalization falls under. Non motorized sections of the grant program would be helpful. The grant assists with planning, equipment and educational programing. The more shovel ready a program is the more likely it would be to be approved and can be a multi-year project. The following need to be done in addition to the application:
  - Contact the DCNR Regional Advisor - Loren Possinger
  - A trail feasibility study performed by an engineer
  - A PNDI receipt
  - Submit an itemized project scope and match sources.

Incremental smaller grants

- DCNR Schuylkill Highlands Grant - Public access, recreation and education with up to \$15,000 with a 50% matching and limited to 1 year
- Recreation and Parks Trail Assistance Program (RECTAP) through DCNR
- Greenways Trails & Recreation Program (GTRP) through PA DCED awarding up to \$250,000 with a 15% local match cost share
- People Parks & Community Foundation up to \$30,000 with no match requirement

Forest succession management (Ash and Beech) will need Federal grants such as USDA's CREP program or NRCS program.

RFPs (request for proposal) for draft trail design will be a good beginning point.

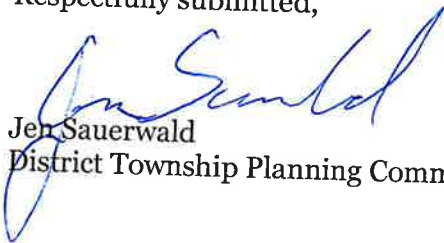
A Committee should be considered to spear head the Trail Revitalization Program

**New Plans:** None

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Farina, to adjourn the BUSINESS meeting at 7:39 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jen Sauerwald  
District Township Planning Commission Secretary