

Planning Commission Minutes

August 4, 2026

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission of Franklin Township was held in the Fire Dept Social Hall, was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Denise Benedict. Also present were Commission members Mathew Brown, Dave Karle, and Dennis Howard.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES

Matt Brown moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2026, seconded by Dave Karle, passed by roll call vote with Dennis Howard abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

Dennis Howard moved to approve the replot of the lands of Andrew J & Heather C. Zuber on Silverthorn Road, second by Dave Karle, passed by unanimous vote.

The Agricultural Security Area was reviewed which included the changes made to the acreage and/or ownership.

The Board recommended the new additions to the Agricultural Security Area and further recommended that the following parcels be removed:

1. Ellen Crandall 22- 2-6-7 35.926 acres
2. Daniel & Patricia Daub 22-6-20-5.03 9.194 acres
3. Autumn Partnershi8p 22-6-20-5.04 8.536 acres
4. Autumn Partnership 22-6-20-5.05 1.1033 acres
5. John Craig & Sherry Stoops 22-6-20-5.06 9.785 acres
6. Daniel Wirley & Kailey Lechefsky 22-10-23-13.01 1 acre
7. Joseph Bufalino 22-1-17-11 5.226 acres
8. Joanne Markham 22-1-17-11.01 4.801 acres
9. Jeffrey Birkmire and Jenna Walmer 22-1-1-6 6.03 acres
10. Nicholas Aldrich & Tara Peckelnicky 22-5-14-18 4 acres
11. James Selb 22-7-26-2.02 2.526 acres

After review by the Planning Commission, Dennis Howard moved to recommend changes to the proposed Ordinance 2-2026 which amends the Franklin Township Zoning Ordinance whereby adding Data Centers as a special exception in the I-1 Industrial District, and amendments to section 3 Regulations for Data Centers, second by Dave Karle and passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

Dennis Motion moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Dave Karles, passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Ramona Junkins, Secretary