

**Borough of Kutztown
Planning Commission
Minutes of August 11, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Borough of Kutztown Planning Commission was held on Monday, August 11, 2025, in the Kutztown Borough Municipal Building Multi-Purpose Room.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Robert Weller, Chairperson. The members present were Mr. Steve Fenstermacher, Mr. Joel Seidel, Ms. Patricia Snyder, Mr. Chad Master, and Mr. Drew (Brad) Myers. Also present was Mr. Gabriel Khalife, Borough Manager; Ms. Sharon Dalickas, Finance Director; and Ms. Carolann Bartik, Recording Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no one in attendance from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners reviewed the July 14, 2025 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Seidel to approve the July 14, 2025 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

REPORTS

The Commissioners reviewed the Community Development report from Ms. Shelley Grim.

Mr. Weller mentioned that he will attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting on August 18, 2025 to present the Planning Commission's recommendation for 154 W Walnut Street.

There was a brief discussion regarding the status of the properties at 105 E Main Street and 601 E Main Street.

There were no additional questions or comments.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

Data Centers

- Ms. Snyder started the discussion by stating that so far all they have seen are articles on why data centers are bad, but really no explanation as to what a data center is. She added that she just emailed Planning Commissioners links to information that she has found on what data centers are, pros and cons of data centers, including recommendations on regulations that could be set. Following a discussion regarding possible locations for a data center as well as creating a possible ordinance; Mr. Weller stated that even if the Borough of Kutztown does not adopt an ordinance regarding data centers, he suggested the Planning Commission draft a recommendation for Maxatawny Township, since the Borough of

Kutztown is surrounded by Maxatawny Township. Ms. Snyder added that this would be a great opportunity for discussion as part of the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

Planning Commissioners decided to review the information that Ms. Snyder emailed to them and continue the discussion on data centers at the August 25, 2025 workshop meeting.

Mr. Weller added that he will reach out to Mr. Mooney to find out the status of the short term rental ordinance and ask if he has any experience with data center ordinances.

Joint Comprehensive Plan

- Ms. Snyder mentioned that every municipality has signed the resolution for the joint comprehensive plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Set agenda for the August 25, 2025 Planning Commission Workshop Meeting

- Data centers

OFF AGENDA

There was nothing to discuss off agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Seidel and seconded by Mr. Master to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolann Bartik
Recording Secretary