

Ligonier Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2026

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Planning Commission was held Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairperson Chris Hefner presiding.

Members Present: Chris Hefner, Sheila Grimm, Michael McCalpin, Dan Weimer, Martin Knizner. Barbara Nalle and Thomas Naugle were absent.

Others Present: Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer Rick Krouse, Township Manager Michael Strelac.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Dan Weimer made a motion to accept the May 28, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Martin Knizner. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jack Milburn expressed concerns regarding the data center ordinance, in relation to power generation.

Vickie Oles questioned emergency generation language in the proposed data center ordinance.

Jan Milburn commented on emergency generator use at data centers, and recommended adding requirements for “emergency use only.”

CORRESPONDENCE

John Fraser re: data centers
Waterford VFD letter

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance data centers review:

Chris Hefner summarized the discussion that occurred during the 5:00 pm workshop. Mr. Hefner further commented on the draft data center ordinance.

A motion was made by Chris Hefner and seconded by Martin Knizner to add the following language to the data center section of the zoning ordinance, by adding a new section 12 as follows:

12. *Emergency generators:* emergency generators shall only be used during utility outages and testing.

Testing shall occur a single day per week, between Monday and Friday, excluding holidays, between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Sheila Grimm and seconded by Michael McCalpin to include the language from John Fraser's letter of June 5th as it applies to the sections identified in the letter. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dan Weimer and seconded by Martin Knizner to forward the draft zoning ordinance, as amended, to the Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

none

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Vickie Oles and Jack Milburn thanked the Planning Commission for their work.

GENERAL CONCERNS/COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Chris Hefner commented on the upcoming Comprehensive Plan meeting with Ligonier Borough on June 29.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dan Weimer and seconded by Sheila Grimm to adjourn the meeting. All of the Commission was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Strelic
Township Manager