

Ligonier Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2026

The regular meeting of the Ligonier Township Planning Commission was held Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building with Chairperson Chris Hefner presiding.

Members Present: Barbara Nalle, Chris Hefner, Sheila Grimm, Michael McCalpin, Dan Weimer, Martin Knizner.

Others Present: Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer Rick Krouse.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Barb Nalle made a motion to accept the February 26, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Michael McCalpin. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Westmoreland County Planning review and comments
Engineer review and comments

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jan Milburn spoke at length about the need for thorough and well thought data center regulation. She also detailed numerous concerns with data centers and submitted documents to the commission.

Vickie Oles also had concerns about data centers and expressed how important local control was in these matters.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance data centers review: Zoning Officer Rick Krouse explained the proposed modifications to the existing code.

There was a general agreement to remove data centers from the listed uses for zoning district C-1 (Commercial Neighborhood).

A motion was made by Sheila Grimm and seconded by Michael McCalpin to table this for review of submitted material and possible changes the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ligonier Valley Learning Center consolidation plan

Zoning Officer Rick Krouse explained the proposed subdivision. The purpose is to combine properties to remove a lot lines to allow a parking lot. No non-conformities are created.

A motion was made by Barbara Nalle and seconded by Michael McCalpin to recommend the Ligonier Valley Learning Center consolidation plan to Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Spitzer plan

Zoning Officer Rick Krouse explained the proposed subdivision. The purpose is to separate the house and associated structures from the rest of the property. No nonconformities are being created. The sewage enforcement officer has reviewed.

A **motion** was made by Chris Hefner and seconded by Dan Weimer to recommend the Mark Spitzer plan to Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

John Milburn express concerns about data centers.

GENERAL CONCERNS/COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Zoning Officer Rick Krouse summarized a concern that township staff encountered with the non-conforming lots section of the zoning ordinance

By general consent it was agreed by the commission to add possible amendment to the non-conforming section to next month's meeting agenda under new business.

Michael McCalpin commented on the increase in frequency and duration of blackout in the area.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A **motion** was made by Sheila Grimm and seconded by Barbara Nalle to adjourn the meeting. All of the Commission was in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Krouse
Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer