



COLLEGE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2026
1481 E. College Avenue State College PA 16801
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person or via Zoom)

PRESENT: Ed Darrah, Chair
Suleman Din, Vice Chair
Peggy Ekdahl, Secretary
Suleman Din
Matthew Fenton
Ray Forziat
Tad Rimmey

STAFF PRESENT: Don Franson, P.E., P.L.S., Township Engineer
Keri Kenep, Community and Economic Development Director
Lindsay Schoch, AICP, Principal Planner
Mark Gabrovsek, Zoning Officer
Sharon Meyers, Senior Support Specialist – Engineering/Planning

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Darrah called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL: Mr. Darrah verified there were no members of the public present via Zoom.

REORGANIZATION: Mr. Darrah turned the meeting over to Mr. Don Franson for the election of 2026 College Township Planning Commission Chair.

Mr. Franson, Temporary Chair, called for nominations for the 2026 Chair of College Township Planning Commission (PC).

Mr. Forziat nominated Mr. Din as PC Chair for the year 2026.

Mr. Fenton seconded the nomination.

Mr. Din accepted the nomination.

Ms. Ekdahl nominated Mr. Darrah as PC Chair for the year 2026.

Mr. Rimmey seconded the nomination.

Mr. Darrah accepted the nomination.

Mr. Franson called for a vote to elect Mr. Din as Chair of College Township Planning Commission for 2026.

The motion failed with a vote of 2:2:2 with two members in favor, Mr. Forziat and Mr. Fenton against, and Mr. Darrah and Mr. Din abstained, due to being nominees.

Mr. Franson called for a vote to elect Mr. Darrah as Chair of College Township Planning Commission for 2026.

The motion failed with a vote of 2:2:2 with two members in favor, Mr. Rimmey and Ms. Ekdahl against, and Mr. Darrah and Mr. Din abstained, due to being nominees.

The Planning Commission discussed the rationale behind their votes, including the following points:

- Mr. Din's limited service on the Planning Commission
- Mr. Darrah's longer tenure
- The value of rotating leadership roles, similar to Township Council
- Mr. Din's potential to provide effective leadership as Chair



Mr. Din expressed appreciation for the nomination but stated that, due to his limited tenure and unfamiliarity with certain protocols and procedures, he declined to serve as Chair at this time. He noted his willingness to accept a nomination in a future year.

Mr. Din formally declined the nomination for Chair.

Mr. Franson again called for a vote to elect Mr. Darrah as Chair of the College Township Planning Commission for 2026.

The motion passed with a vote of 5:0:1, with Mr. Darrah abstaining due to being the nominee.

Mr. Franson turned the gavel over to Chair Darrah for the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Darrah called for nominations for the 2026 Vice-Chair of College Township Planning Commission.

Mr. Rimmey nominated Mr. Din as Planning Commission Vice-Chair for the year 2026.

Mr. Din accepted the nomination.

Mr. Rimmey moved to close nominations and elect Mr. Din as Planning Commission Vice-Chair for the year 2026.

Mr. Forziat seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Darrah called for nominations for the 2026 Secretary of College Township Planning Commission.

Mr. Fenton nominated Ms. Ekdahl as PC Secretary for the year 2026.

Ms. Ekdahl accepted the nomination.

Mr. Fenton moved to close nominations and elect Ms. Ekdahl to Planning Commission Secretary for the year 2026.

Mr. Forziat seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Darrah called for nominations for College Township Planning Commission representative to Centre Region Planning Commission (CRPC) for the year 2026.

Mr. Fenton nominated Mr. Forziat as PC representative to CRPC for the year 2026.

Mr. Forziat accepted the nomination.

Mr. Fenton moved to close nominations and elect Mr. Forziat as CT Planning Commission representative to Centre Region Planning Commission for the year 2026.

Ms. Ekdahl seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Darrah called for nominations for College Township Planning Commission alternate representative to Centre Region Planning Commission (CRPC) for the year 2026.

Mr. Din nominated Mr. Rimmey as PC alternate representative to CRPC for 2026.

Mr. Rimmey accepted the nomination.

Mr. Din moved to close nominations and elect Mr. Rimmey as College Township Planning Commission alternate representative to Centre Region Planning Commission for 2026.

Mr. Darrah seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Darrah called for nominations for College Township Planning Commission liaison to College Township Council for the year 2026.

Mr. Forziat nominated Mr. Fenton as PC liaison to College Township Council for the year 2026.

Mr. Fenton accepted the nomination.

Mr. Forziat moved to close nominations and elect Mr. Fenton as CT Planning Commission liaison to College Township Council for the year 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Darrah called for nominations for College Township Planning Commission alternate liaison to College Township Council for the year 2026.

Mr. Forziat nominated Mr. Darrah as PC alternate liaison to College Township Council for the year 2026.

Mr. Darrah accepted the nomination.

Mr. Forziat moved to close nominations and elect Mr. Darrah as CT Planning Commission alternate liaison to College Township Council for the year 2026.

Ms. Ekdahl seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN DISCUSSION: None presented.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CA-1 December 16, 2025 PC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Forziat moved to approve the December 16, 2025 meeting minutes as written.

Mr. Din seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANS: No Plans presented.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business presented.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business presented.

REPORTS:

R-1 Council Report

Mr. Fenton provided a summary of the most recent Council meeting which included the approval of the P.A.M. State College Subdivision Plan, the determination that the Penn State Development of Regional Impact application has merit, and the setting of a public hearing for a rezoning request for the P.A.M. State College project. He reported that there was also a discussion on the Shiloh Road Corridor project which involves the Commonwealth, two municipalities and four developers.

STAFF INFORMATIVES: No Staff Informatives presented.

OTHER MATTERS:

Mr. Darrah inquired about progress on the sign ordinance. Ms. Schoch reported that staff has a new contact and that she and Mr. Gabrovsek plan to reach out soon.

Mr. Din asked about prospects for filling the Planning Commission vacancy. Staff confirmed there are no current candidates.

Mr. Darrah requested an overview of the upcoming joint meeting agenda. Ms. Schoch stated the primary topic will be the Hybrid/Form-Based Code. A packet will be distributed in advance to Council and the Planning Commission, including all recommendations made by the Planning Commission to date.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Darrah announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Also noted, the joint Council and Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 with a light dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Schoch highlighted a memorabilia frame prepared by Ms. Ekdahl in recognition of College Township's 150th Anniversary. Staff and Commissioners thanked Ms. Ekdahl for her thoughtful contribution.

Ms. Schoch also announced the recent promotion of Ms. Keri Kenepp to Community and Economic Development Director, overseeing the Zoning and Planning Departments. Ms. Kenepp stated that she looks forward to continuing to work with the Planning Commission and attending meetings regularly.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Fenton moved to adjourn January 6, 2026 PC meeting.

Mr. Din seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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