

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2025**

The Springfield Township Planning Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 P.M., in the Boardroom of the Springfield Township Administration Building, located at 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038. Present at the meeting were Ms. Helwig, Mr. Mascaro, Mr. Sands, Mr. Devine, Ms. Blankin, Mr. Quill, Mr. Harbison and Ms. Pottage. Also in attendance were Commissioner Peter Wilson, Margaux Petruska from Montgomery County Planning Commission and Mark Penecale, Director of Planning & Zoning.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

The Planning Commission approved the minutes of the June 3, 2025, meeting.

Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Wilson briefed the Planning Commission on the Board of Commissioner's involvement in the small cell wireless facilities ordinance that is on tonight's agenda. He updated everyone on the progress of the planning group for the community center on Willow Grove Avenue and the meetings that have been held for the Walnut Avenue Tract known as the Tank Car Property. He thanked the community members for their input on both projects. He informed that Planning Commission that the proposed design project to install solar panels to the Township Administration Building and Public Works Buildings was put out to bid.

New Business:

PC1: The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed ordinance to regulate small cell wireless facilities within the public rights-of-way. The proposed amendment would create Article XIV.B of the Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission was briefed on the comments raised by the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Mr. Penecale provided the Planning Commission members with plans submitted by Crown Castle, LLC for 12 locations within the Township. This provided the Planning Commission with the most recent examples of what this ordinance is designed to regulate. The Planning Commission discussed the definitions section of the proposed ordinance, and it was suggested that the definitions be left to the discretion of the Township Solicitor. The Planning Commission recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the proposed new ordinance with the condition that the outstanding definitions be revised to satisfaction of the Township Solicitor. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 8 in favor and 0 opposed.

PC2: The Planning Commission was asked to offer an opinion on the negative historical and environmental impact that the installation of a small cell wireless facility within the public right-of-way in front of 1003 Farrell Road, Wyndmoor, PA and 8833 Stenton Avenue, Wyndmoor, PA. would have on these two sites. This same request was made of the Historical Commission and the Environmental Advisory Commission. The Planning Commission was aware that Yeakel Cemetery is located behind 8833 Stenton Avenue, Wyndmoor, PA. The Planning Commission did not believe that the replacement of the utility pole and the installation of small cell wireless equipment on that pole would have a negative impact on the property.

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was second, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Mark A. Penecale
Director of Planning & Zoning