

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 21, 2026**

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 Mr. Devine, Mr Quill, Mr Harbison, Ms. Helwig, Ms. Murray, Mr. Sands, and Ms. Pottage. Also in attendance were Commissioner Ratsavong and Kirk, Margaux Petruska from Montgomery County Planning Commission and Mark Penecale, Director of Planning & Zoning.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

The Planning Commission approved the minutes of the April 7th, 2026, meeting.

**PC1:** Margaux Petruska provided an update to the Article IV: Use Regulations updates, with feedback from the solicitor to provide the suggested changes in the sections as discussed verses waiting until whole Articles are provided which is causing a bottleneck in the review process

Commissioner Ratsavong suggested the timeline and process of changes be made clear via website updates

Mark Penecale clarified the agenda and packets are posted on the website, as are the minutes of each meeting, in which public attendance is welcomed

**PC2:** Margaux Petruska prepared a power point presentation of the countys assessment of Data centers needs, and what community logistics should be considered in their regulation

The Data Center Ordinance Guide is available at the Montgomery County, PA website

<https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/4932/Data-Center-Ordinance-Guide>

- John English of 603 Bradford Rd, Oreland was in attendance and asked if a data center was in Whitemarsh and what the benefits of these centers were to the residents of the township

Margaux Petruska answered that traffic is low, some jobs are created and it's a source of tax revenue

- Mary Ellen Reeves of 214 Station Ave, Glenside was also in attendance and appreciated consideration and regulation was being considered within the township. She was particularly concerned for the Carson Valley property being redeveloped as a possible data center location

Jim Harbison made a motion to

1. pass an ordinance to regulate the process validity
2. to pass a more comprehensive regulation once more time and consideration have been given to the possibility of data centers being built in the township

Amanda Helwig 2<sup>nd</sup> this motion and all were in favor

**PC3:** The planning commission discussed final revisions to Article IV: Use regulations and Mark Penecale provided the following lists of edits discussed

Penecale's Notes:

Section 114-404.A: Use A-1; Remove Accessory Dwelling Unit from the text. This will be handled as a variance application.

Section 114-404.A: Use A-2; Add language at the end of the sentence that would include other types of accessory structures. Not just sheds & garages. Lot areas in this section should  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre, not  $\frac{1}{3}$  of an acre. Setbacks should be 4 feet for lots under  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre and 7 feet from property  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre or greater. Remove the 1 story in height limit from a stable.

Section 114-404.A: Use A-5; Add a note to make sure we have a Community Service District.

Section 114-404.A: Use A-6; The minimum setback should be  $\frac{1}{2}$  the height of the tower.

Section 114-404.A: Use A-8; Parking stall size should be 9 by 18.

Section 114-404.A: Use A-10; X should read pool equipment must be at least 4 feet from rear or side property lines.

Chickens were saved for the next meeting

**Commissioner's Report:**

No updates since our last meeting

The next meeting of the Springfield Township Planning Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th, 2026.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was second, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Alison Pottage

Secretary