MAHONING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Planning Commission Meeting of May 20, 2026
Meeting called to order by Patricia Snyder at 6:00 PM
Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE: Patricia Snyder, Vice-Chairman and Secretary; Deborah McGowan, Member; Stephen Chuckra, Member and Thomas Nanovic, Township Solicitor

ABSENT: Robert Slaw, Chairman and Peter Eisenbrown, Township Engineer;

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
MOTION
Deborah McGowan made a motion to accept the minutes from April 15, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting. Seconded by Stephen Chuckra. 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

PLANS TO BE ACCEPTED: None

PLANS TO BE REVIEWED: None

NEW BUSINESS:
Warehouse and Solar Ordinance Amendments: PC has final draft.

Discussion took place regarding the solar ordinance. Comments from Robert Slaw were relayed by Deborah McGowan. Mr. Slaw stated that solar installations should be limited to roof-mounted systems only. Tom shared that such a restriction could not be implemented.

Patricia Snyder asked whether the Commission would consider a corner lot as having two front yards. Stephen Chuckra commented that if solar installations were going to create an eyesore, the matter should be considered. He further questioned whether the public would likely want to add language to the ordinance now or if we should proceed with the current draft and amend it later if necessary. Tom clarified that solar panels are not permitted in front yards.

Patricia Snyder again questioned how solar panels could be installed on corner lots and whether residents with corner lots may object to the ordinance. Stephen shared definition of front yard is street right away and nearest exterior wall or roof line of principal building. Tom shared the full width of the lot is the front yard. Deborah McGowan stated that the front yard should be determined by the direction the front door faces and added that any future issues could be addressed if they arise.

At the present time, the Planning Commission had no additional comments.

Deborah McGowan asked Tom Nanovic to notify Natalie by email to place on the Board of Supervisor agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:
None.

CORRESPONDENCE:
None

OFFICIALS:
None.

ADJOURNMENT:
Deborah McGowan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM. Seconded by Stephen Chuckra. Motion carried by a 3-0 vote.