

MINUTES
April 14, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Monroe County Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at the Monroe County Planning Commission's conference room, Stroudsburg, PA. The meeting was called to order by Annette Atkinson at 5:00 p.m.

Members present were: Annette Atkinson, Chris Borger, Roger McFadden, Charlie Vogt, and Nicole Murray. Rich Schlameuss appeared via teleconference.

Others present were: Tom Campbell, Community Development of the Poconos, and Don Miller, Pocono Heritage Land Trust. James Fareri, Solicitor, appeared via teleconference.

Monroe County Planning Commission Staff members: Christine Meinhart-Fritz, Director; Eric Koopman, Lead Senior Planner; Nathaniel Staruch, Infrastructure Planner, Julia Sherer, Senior Environmental Planner; and Jeremie Schuster, GIS Analyst Planner.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. McFadden and seconded by Mr. Vogt to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 board meeting, as amended. Motion carried.

OVERVIEW OF SUBMITTED PLANS AND AMENDMENTS

SUBDIVISION PLANS

Mr. Koopman and Mr. Staruch provided information to the board on subdivision plans. Copies of the subdivision plan reviews and comments are on file in the Planning Commission office

A motion was made by Ms. Murray and seconded by Mr. Borger to approve the review comments for the subdivision plans as previously submitted to the respective municipalities for consideration during their decision making process. Motion carried with Mr. Vogt abstaining from agenda item 5.(3) 'Analomink Rod and Gun Minor Subdivision.'

LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Mr. Koopman provided information to the board on land development plans. Copies of the land development plan reviews and comments are on file in the Planning Commission office.

A motion was made by Mr. Vogt and seconded by Ms. Murray to approve the review comments for the land development plans as previously submitted, and amended, to the respective municipalities for consideration during their decision making process. Motion carried with Ms. Atkinson abstaining from agenda item 6.(3) 'CCP Property Owners Office'.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Koopman provided information to the board on ordinance amendments. Copies of the Ordinance Amendments and comments are on file in the Planning Commission office.

A motion was made by Mr. Borger and seconded by Mr. McFadden to approve the review comments for the ordinance amendments as previously submitted, and amended, to the respective municipalities for consideration during their decision making process. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Meinhart-Fritz informed the board of a recent data center symposium concerning emergency management issues. A meeting with the County Emergency Operations Center to discuss the finding has been scheduled for April 17. Updates were then provided regarding two data center projects within the county that are in the planning stages. Discussion followed.

Mr. Miller then spoke to the board about the environmental significance of a proposed zoning map amendment in Coolbaugh Township. Discussion followed concerning the balance between environmental conservation and the rights of a private property owner.

Ms. Murray then provided real estate market updates for the board and Ms. Meinhart-Fritz informed the board that annual water quality testing will soon begin.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Vogt to adjourn. The motion passed at 6:25 p.m.

Annette Atkinson, Chairman

Eric Koopman, Lead Senior Planner