MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Monroe County Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, October 13, 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, Charlie Vogt, Chris Borger, and Roger McFadden. Rich Schlameuss and Nicole Murray appeared via teleconference.

Others present were: David Parker, County Commissioner; Alex Jackson and Tom Campbell, Community Development of the Poconos; and Nate Oiler, RKR Hess.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES
A motion was made by Mr. Vogt and seconded by Mr. McFadden to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2026 board meeting, as amended. Motion carried.

OVERVIEW OF SUBMITTED PLANS AND AMENDMENTS

SUBDIVISION PLANS
Mr. Glovas 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 Mr. Borger and seconded by Mr. Vogt 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.

LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS
Mr. Glovas 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. Borger and seconded by Mr. McFadden 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.

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. McFadden and seconded by Mr. Vogt 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, with Ms. Atkinson abstaining from Agenda Item 7.(1).

STAFF REPORTS

The board was presented with a request for recommendations for the Monroe County Conservation District Board vacancies. The terms are of Robert Armstrong and Brain Winot are due to expire at the end of the year. Both wish to retain their position, and discussion followed. Afterward, a motion was made by Mr. McFadden and seconded by Ms. Atkinson to recommend they be reappointed. Motion carried.

Ms. Meinhart-Fritz then informed the board of multiple matters that the planning commission was involved with. NEPA Alliance is seeking input into the Long Range Transportation Plan, and a survey is open to the public to make suggestions. The annual PPA conference is to be held the week of October 19th, and several staff members are to attend.

East Stroudsburg has been named as a finalist for a Qualified Opportunity Zone by DCED. The board will be kept informed of this as it develops. An update to the Vector Control was then provided. Mosquito testing has been completed, and there were numerous cases of West Nile Virus positives throughout the county. Tick collecting is still being performed.

Discussion followed regarding allocating funds for the planning commission's Financial Assistance Program which may include funding for regional planning initiatives. Ms. Meinhart-Fritz then stated that funding is also in place for the county's Mini-Grant Program to improve conserved open space areas. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Vogt to adjourn. The motion passed at 6:04 p.m.

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Annette Atkinson, Chairman

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Eric Koopman, Lead Senior Planner