

MINUTES
February 10 14, 2026

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

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

Others present were: David Parker, Commissioner; Nate Oiler, RKR Hess; and Alex Jackson, Tunkhannock Township. James Fareri, Solicitor and Charles Kelshaw, Monroe County Conservation District 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; Jeremie Schuster, GIS Analyst Planner; and Kevin Glovas, Community Planner.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2025

A motion was made by Mr. Schlameuss and seconded by Mr. McFadden to appoint Ms. Atkinson as Chair. A motion was made by Ms. Atkinson and seconded by Mr. Borger to appoint Mr. Vogt as Vice Chair. Motions carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. McFadden and seconded by Mr. Borger to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2026 board meeting. 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. Schlameuss and seconded by Mr. McFadden to approve the review comments for the subdivision plans as previously submitted to the respective municipalities for consideration during their decision making process.

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 Ms. Atkinson 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 item 7.(4).

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. Schlameuss 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 provided an overview of proposed changes to the board’s by-laws. Specifically, the changes would remove term limits for board members. Currently, board members may serve two consecutive four-year terms, and are required to wait a year before they may be placed on the board again. Discussion followed. Ms. Atkinson made the motion of adopt the changes with Mr. Borger seconding. Motion carried. Discussion then continued to consider to further amend the by-laws to require board member approval by the County Commissioners. The question is to be discussed at the next scheduled planning commission board meeting in March.

Ms. Meinhart-Fritz then informed the board of re-addressing efforts for Stroudsburg Borough. To date, over 150 address changes have been made and over 50 dwelling units were found during the process. Work will continue in the Borough to ensure proper addressing is in place.

Mr. Koopman then updated the board regarding data center uses being proposed in Smithfield and Tobyhanna Townships. Discussion followed. Mr. Parker and Ms. Meinhart-Fritz then provided an update to the current reassessment being conducted throughout the county. Inconsistencies between properties and how they are identified by the Reassessment Office will need to be reported when property owners receive their reassessment notice.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Schlameuss to adjourn. The motion passed at 5:58 p.m.

Annette Atkinson, Chairman

Eric Koopman, Lead Senior Planner