

Washington Township

Planning Commission Minutes

Tuesday April 14, 2026 6:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order:** 6:05 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Present: Dave Rattay, Kim Diffin, Brian Wolfe, Kale DeMott, Eric Whitford.
Absent: none.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Wolfe, 2nd by Rattay. All yea's, motion passed.
5. **March 17, 2026 Minutes Approval:** Motion to approve by Rattay, 2nd by Wolfe. All yea's, motion passed.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **SLUP – Zemla:** Discussion regarding a variance issued for the Zemla building. SLUP was discussed again. Motion by Rattay to reconsider the motion to recommend denial, 2nd by Whitford. Roll Call vote: all Nay's, motion failed. Motion by Whitford to recommend approval, 2nd by Rattay. Roll call vote: Demott-no, Wolfe-yes, Rattay-yes, Whitford -yes, Diffin-yes, motion passed.
 - b. **New PC Member:** Everyone was reminded that Diffin does not wish to be reappointed and we will need to find someone to fill his position.
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Zoning vs. Tax classification:** Discussion regarding the difference and that we need to review our zoning map.
 - b. **Review zoning setbacks:** Setbacks need to be reviewed at least for residential properties due to being too restrictive.
 - c. **Variance requirements/ changes:** With recent events, do we need to consider changing the application procedure for a variance. Should there be any type of checks/balances for a zoning permit.
8. **General Public Comment:** None.
9. **Next Meeting:** TBD
10. **Adjournment:** Motion by Rattay, 2nd by Wolfe. All yea's, motion passed. 7:23 P.M.

Submitted by Eric Whitford, Planning Commission Secretary

Approved: _____

Planning Commission Chair / Date

Planning Commission Secretary / Date