

ROME TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2025
Rome Township Hall

Rob Apoian called the meeting to order at 8:00pm. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Pat Bournes, Scott Peters, Rob Apoian, Matt Minnick, Kevin Fisher, Sheri Wilt and Leo Oswald were all present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Connor McClellan – 7601 Forrister Rd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Leo Oswald made a motion to approve the June 26, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Sheri Wilt; motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Pat Bournes made a motion to approve the July 24, 2025 agenda. Motion seconded by Sheri Wilt; motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Connor McClellan inquired about the process to apply for a special use permit. The Planning Commission explained the process and the timeline associated with the process.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Leo Oswald updated the Planning Commission on business conducted by the Rome Township Board. Business included clarification regarding the Cost Recovery ordinance and it's status. The Township Board had approved the ordinance, but the ordinance was not published. The Clerk spoke to Foster-Swift Law Firm in regard to them handling FOIA requests. The Township Clerk and Treasurer requested new laptops and the Township Board approved continuation of the MTA continuing education program for Township Board & Commission members. It was also noted the Cambridge Township Fire Chief attended a Board meeting and answered questions. The Township is continuing to pursue vendors for the testing of the cellular tower on Springville Hwy.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT: Chair Apoian had nothing to report.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Review Rome Township “Wind Energy Systems” ordinance.

The Planning Commission reviewed the revised Wind Energy System ordinance and it was noted that some requested changes were not completed. Matt Minnick is going to email Foster-Swift directly and requested the requested changes be made in time for the next meeting.

Scott Peters made a motion to schedule a public hearing for August 28, 2025 at 7:00pm; Motion seconded by Pat Boures; motion carried 7-0.

MEETING DATES: The next Planning Commission meeting will take place on August 28, 2025 at 8:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Sheri Wilt moved to adjourn at 9:08pm. Rob Apoian seconded; motion carried 7-0.



Matt Minnick
Secretary
Rome Township Planning Commission

Robert Apoian, MD
Chairman
Rome Township Planning Commission