

## Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes-March 4, 2026

1. **Call to Order**-Chairperson Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Roll Call -Present:** Tarchala, Marshall, Schultz  
**Absent and Excused:** Cronenwett   **Absent:** Reiter  
**Also Present:** Catherine Kaufman Attorney and guests  
**Not Present:** David Jirousek, Horizon Community Planning
3. **Approval of Agenda**-Motion by Tarchala second by Schultz to approve the agenda as presented.
4. **Approval of Minutes**-Motion by Tarchala second by Schultz to approve the minutes of January 7, 2026 as amended by Tarchala to correct 6. Annual Report, Item 3 to read Wellhead Protection Standards. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comments on Items not Scheduled for Public Hearing**-none

6. **Zoning Discussion.** Commercial battery energy storage systems and principal-use solar energy systems. Catherine Kaufman, attorney gave overview of what has been happening in the state and local municipalities in regards to battery energy storage systems and solar energy systems.

Informed those in attendance of what has occurred and the rules/guidelines from the state and what locally has been occurring. The process was gone thru and the difference between state requirements and local requirements. State rules are not heavy regulated and may take longer as well be a costlier process.

Commissioners thanked Kaufman from coming to inform, and thoughts about proceeding on this subject matter.

### 7. Floodplain Management Ordinance

Commissioners reviewed the Antwerp Township FEMA NFIP enrollment application.

Motion by Tarchala second by Marshall to recommend approval of the Floodplain Management Ordinance to the Antwerp Township Board.

Roll Call-Tarchala-yes, Marshall-yes, Schultz-yes Motion carried.

### 8. Additional Comments and Communications

Tarchala-Trailway Update-environmental study will be done in certain areas of concern along the trailway, most likely areas would be of wetlands. Still on track time wise for completion.

DeBruin-mention of battery storage units are not clean energy projections, and that by projects having to go through the state process there is more work/money on the applicant's part.

Fouty-approving project through the state, local townships should require more from applicant.

DeBruin-perhaps the township could make it as difficult as the state requirements on these projects.

- 9. Adjournment-**Motion by Marshall second by Tarchala to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM.  
All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise M. Schultz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Denise M. Schultz, Secretary