

Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes-October 1, 2025

1. **Call to order**-Chairman Paquin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Roll Call-Present:** Tarchala, Paquin, Schultz, Diljak.
Absent and Excused: Cronenwett, Marshall. **Absent:** Reiter.
Also Present: David Jirousek, Horizon Community Planning, and guests.
3. **Approval of Agenda**-Motion by Tarchala second by Schultz to approve the agenda as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes**-Motion by Tarchala second by Paquin to approve the minutes of August 6, 2025 as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comments on Items not Scheduled for Public Hearing**-none
6. **Trail Update Discussion**-Sam from Whitman Associates presented information in regards to the Antwerp Township Regional Trail. Facts about the proposed trail and time line were given out to the public and maps were provided for public viewing. Currently the Construction project is slated to start in 2027.

Comments and items of concern in regards to the trailway were noted as follows:

*Property line concerns with the trailway.

* Vandalism.

*Since it has been 10 (ten) years since the survey was done, it should be done again.

*Trailway and fencing.

*Width of the trail.

*Trailway being next to the highway.

*Area being monitored, homeless people.

*Trailway is a hazard.

*Bicycle rider approves of the secure/safety of the proposed trailway.

The construction of the trail will be done all at once and not in phases.

Comment by Commissioner Schultz, that changes have been made from past public discussions over the years.

7. **Zoning Discussion.** Solar energy systems (SES)-Part 1 of 3 PA 233 topics (Parts 2 & 3 are battery storage and wind energy). Discussion of Solar energy systems by David Jirousek and Planning Commission members. Review of memorandum dated September 25, 2025 in regards to what is currently in place and discussion if any changes should be looked at. Will discuss at November meeting.
8. **Zoning Discussion.** Agricultural signs- David Jirousek brought to the commissioners' attention that there was a identification sign recently installed on a farm, but Table 12-4 sign requirements do not read correctly for this to happen. Therefore, it was recommended by David Jirousek to hold a Public Hearing in regards to this change in the Table 12-4 Sign Requirements. The change would allow ground and wall signs at agricultural properties to be installed in accordance with the existing numeric, dimensional and location requirements.

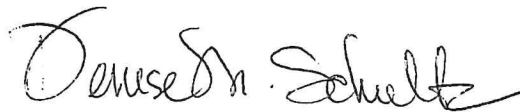
9. Additional Comments and Communications

Tarchala reported in regards to the Webinar on Renewable Energy.

Paquin introduced the new Planning Commission member Jacob Diljak.

- 10. Adjournment-**Motion by Tarchala second by Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM.
All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise M. Schultz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Denise M. Schultz, Secretary