

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the CLINTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

August 18th, 2026 6:15 pm 1850 Davids Dr., Wilmington, OH 45177

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ruth Brindle called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m., with the following Regional Planning Commissioners present.

Andy Borton	Eric Hayslett	Rick Walker	
Jon Branstrator	Reilly Hopkins	Todd Walters	
Ruth Brindle	James Myers	Noni Wood	Cory Hanlon (6:17)
John Burris	Sally Orihood		Damian Snyder (6:32)
Benjamin Collings	Pat Thompson		Michelle Morrison (6:33)

The Commission attained a quorum. Also present were Executive Director DeAndra Navratil and Deputy Director Zeb Acuff.

Members of the public in attendance included Jon Brunke.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pat Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by James Myers and the agenda was approved with a voice vote of 13-0 in favor.

Cory Hanlon arrived at 6:17 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pat Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21st, 2026 Full Commission Meeting and the July 16th and August 13th Executive Committee Meetings as presented. The motion was seconded by Rick Walker and approved with a voice vote of 13 in favor, none opposed, and one abstention (N. Wood).

COMMISSIONER TRAINING

DeAndra Navratil presented the Commission with a short education piece on the role of Commission Members as advocates for good planning in the community and the ethics of decision-making.

Damian Snyder arrived at 6:32 PM.

Michelle Morrison arrived at 6:33 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Rural Zoning Case 2026075 – Zoning Text Amendment

Chairperson Brindle explained that this case was withdrawn by the Rural Zoning Commission due to deficiencies in the application, therefore the Regional Planning Commission would not be discussing the case. Multiple Commission Members, including Mr. Hayslett, Mr. Walters, Mr. Walker, Mr. Burris, and Mr. Hopkins, raised questions as to the how the decision to invalidate the application impacted the ability of the CCRPC to conduct business and to make decisions on a timely basis.

The Commission expressed their desire to have the County Prosecutor attend the next RPC meeting to explain the issues at question. Mr. Hopkins noted that he would like to see a copy of the Prosecutor's request to the Attorney General for a second opinion on the validity of the text amendment application.

b. Thoroughfare Plan Update

Zeb Acuff again presented highlights of the draft Thoroughfare Plan, expanded to include information on advertising the public meeting held in February and the consistency between the current plan and the previous 1978 Thoroughfare Plan.

Members of the Commission asked clarifying questions on the applicability of the Thoroughfare Plan to villages and whether the Plan accounted for future water and sewer service expansions.

Jon Brunke, 1298 Hiney Road, Liberty Township, rose to speak during the public comment period. He provided the Planning Commission with a four-page document raising concerns about the ORC section cited in the Thoroughfare Plan and about whether the RPC adequately understood the content of the plan to be comfortable in adopting it.

Further discussion ensued among the Commission Members regarding the ability of the plan to be adopted. Michelle Morrison moved to table adoption of the 2026 Thoroughfare Plan and direct Staff to seek a legal opinion on the matters raised in Mr. Brunke's document with two specific questions: Did the plan get drafted on the wrong statute? Are we within our legal right to adopt a Thoroughfare Plan? Eric Hayslett seconded the motion.

Chairperson Brindle called for a roll call vote on the motion:

Andy Borton	Yes
Jon Branstrator	Yes
Ruth Brindle	Yes
John Burris	No
Benjamin Collings	Yes
Cory Hanlon	Yes
Eric Hayslett	Yes
Reilly Hopkins	Yes
Michelle Morrison	Yes
James Myers	Yes
Sally Orihood	Yes
Damian Snyder	Yes
Pat Thompson	No
Rick Walker	Yes
Todd Walters	Yes
Noni Wood	Yes

The motion to table and seek counsel passed by a vote of 14 for, 2 against.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Rural Zoning Case 2026067 – Zoning Map Amendment (Dobyns)

Zeb Acuff introduced the rezoning request for property in Union Township and read the staff report. Applicant is seeking to change the zoning on a 0.238-acre portion of their property from S-R to R-R to facilitate a consolidation of property and create a new building lot with frontage on Anderson Road. After a brief discussion among the board members and no public comment being heard, Andy Borton made a motion to recommend approval of the zoning map amendment to the Rural Zoning Commission. Pat Thompson seconded the motion, which was approved 16-0 on a roll call vote.

b. County Commissioners Annual Conflict of Interest Acknowledgment

The Board of County Commissioners approved a Conflict of Interest Policy that all board members conducting County Business are required to sign. Ms. Navratil provided an overview of the document and asked Commissioners to sign it so copies could be provided back to the BOCC.

RPC STAFF UPDATE

Ms. Navratil advised the Commission that the annual State Audit was underway, with an on-site visit scheduled for Monday August 24th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, the Commission adjourned by motion from Benjamin Collings at 8:01 pm, seconded by Reilly Hopkins.

APPROVALS

Respectfully submitted and approved this 15 day of September, 2026

 _____ Ruth Brindle, Chairperson

X Absent _____ Andrew Borton, Secretary

X DeAndra Navratil _____ DeAndra Navratil, Executive Director