

Palmyra Township
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman John Turpening at the Palmyra Township Hall, 6490 Palmyra Rd.

John Turpening opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: John Turpening, Mark Crane, Dean Schnieder, Vivian Pell, Dan Dougherty

Members absent: Ryan LaRose, Rich Beauleaux

Audience Attendance: 0

Agenda: Motion made by Crane and supported by Schnieder to amend the agenda by adding *Nomination of PC Secretary* between the Review of Minutes and Communications. **Motion Carried**

Written Comments: None

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Motion made by Crane and supported by Schnieder to approve the May 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes as written. **Motion Carried**

Nomination of Planning Commission Secretary: Motion made by Turpening and supported by Pell to nominate Dan Dougherty as the Planning Commission secretary. **Motion carried**

Communications:

- **Water Project Updates:** Chairman John Turpening reported that the Federal EPA is now involved in the remediation at US 223 and Ogden hwy. He stated that since the EPA is now involved, the Township may receive funding from the Federal government to help fund the municipal water project.
- **Small Utility-Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (UBESS) Ordinance:** Chairman John Turpening reported that attorney Mike Homier stated that the current Utility-Scale Battery Energy Storage System Ordinance (UBESS) will cover the smaller scale utility scale battery energy storage systems as well. However, if the Planning Commission wanted to place a small scale UBESS in a zoning district other than the required zoning district of the General Industrial District, then the Planning Commission would be required to amend the Zoning Ordinance.
- Chairman John Turpening stated that he will no longer be serving as a member of the Planning Commission when his term expires on December 31, 2026.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

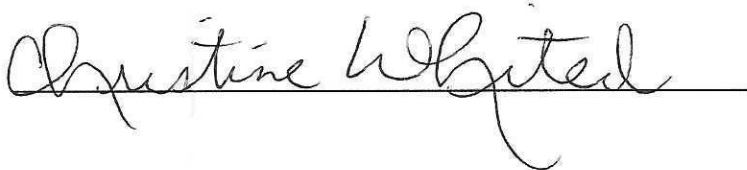
- **Reschedule/Cancel the August and November Regular Planning Commission Meetings:** Motion made by Turpening and supported by Schneider to cancel the August 4th and November 3rd PC regular meetings due to elections being held on those days. In addition, if there is a need, the Planning Commission Chair, John Turpening, will call for a special meeting. **Motion carried**
- **Discuss Special Land Use Permit Application for PA0-106-2555-00, 1581 Academy Road, Steve Wasenko:** The Special Land Use Permit Application for PA0-106-2555-00, 1581 Academy Road, submitted by Steve Wasenko, was discussed. Clerk Christine Whited will contact Steve Wasenko to get permission for the Planning Commission members to survey the area of where the gun range would be located on Steve's property, PA0-106-2555-00.
- **Amendment of the Zoning Ordinance, Article IV – Zoning District Regulations, Section 4.1.3 Special Approval Uses:** Chairman John Turpening will contact attorney Dave LaCasse to discuss amending the Zoning Ordinance by adding Gun Range, with conditions, as a special use in the AG District.

Adjournment

Motion made by Dougherty and supported by Pell to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. **Motion carried**

Next Regular Meeting: July 7, 2026

The minutes were prepared by the Palmyra Township Clerk Christine Whited.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Christine Whited", is written over a horizontal line.