County of Antrim - Planning Commission

Bryan Graham | Duane Meyer | Jim Gurr

Jason Helwig | Ron Tschudy

Minutes – October 6, 2026

Members Present: Bryan Graham, Jim Gurr, Ron Tschudy, Duane Meyer
Members Absent: Jason Helwig
Staff and Others: Margie Boyd

1. Meeting called to order at 4:36 p.m. by Jim Gurr

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bryan Graham, seconded by Duane Meyer, to approve the October 6, 2026 agenda. as presented

Motion approved unanimously.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bryan Graham, seconded by Ron Tschudy, to approve the minutes from September 1, 2026 as presented.

Motion approved unanimously.

7. Old Business

None.

8. New Business

a. Revisions to Section 7.1 of the Planning Commission Bylaws

Motion by Bryan Graham, seconded by Ron Tschudy, to approve the revised Section 7.1 to the Antrim County Planning Commission bylaws as presented.

Motion approved unanimously.

b. Discussion: Data Center Ad Hoc Workgroup

Mr. Meyer told members he had initiated adding this item to the agenda for discussion. He said the topic of data centers had come up during the Master Citizen Planning course that was held earlier in the summer, after which he and the Helena Township Clerks discussed the possibility of a wider discussion. Mr. Meyer asked whether it was appropriate to act as a convener of the discussion.

Mr. Graham said townships are responsible for the choices of their own governments, indicating he saw no role at the county level. He said the role of convening should come from the township.

Mr. Tschudy inquired as to the lawfulness of the County Planning Commission to provide suggested reading material or additional resources for townships who may not know where to look for information.

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Mr. Gurr reiterated the role of the Antrim County Planning Commission is to assist zoned communities, stating the County has no regulatory control over local units.

Mr. Graham said data centers are a new land use, noting townships will likely have to amend their zoning ordinances. The Antrim County Planning Commission can consider the topic at that time in their role if determining consistence with the Master Plan and incompatible usage. He cautioned against exceeding statutory authority.

Discussion continued.

It was the consensus of the commission to take no role in the development of or convening of an ad hoc committee to discuss data center development in Antrim County.

9. Various Matters

10. Public/Member Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

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