

Minutes
Strasburg Township Planning Commission
May 11, 2026

The Strasburg Township Planning Commission (PC) held their regular meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Strasburg Township Municipal building, 400 Bunker Hill Road. Present were Janice Bowermaster, John Fisher, Bill Potter, Alternate Judy Willig.

Guests: Mark Deimler, Chris King, Christine Miller

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public comment was invited. There was none.

On a motion by Bowermaster/Fisher, the PC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026 as submitted.

There was a lengthy discussion on solar arrays/farms and data centers. Deimler noted East Drumore Township had a bid for a data center on an 80-acre farm and Manor Township passed a data center ordinance. He is advising his municipalities to define the use and zoning now before an application is received. It was agreed the PC members should create bullet points per whether solar arrays and data centers are a permitted use in a specific zone, special exception or variance as guidance for the Township Solicitor to draft an ordinance. Screening, height and, possibly appearance, should be considered, as well.

Vegetative screening for the northern and western sides of the Meadows at Strasburg development was discussed. Currently, it is a mix of woody and herbaceous vegetation now along a gully with a number of mature trees. Deimler commented a number of the occupants enjoy the natural, woody feel of it. Fisher noted the placement of some evergreens would be helpful for year-round screening. The PC agreed it is not feasible for the plantings in the approved plan to be installed exactly as designed. Chris King asked if the HOA had a position on the upkeep and maintenance of the screening. Deimler answered he had not had any communication with them.

Potter reported on a discussion at the last Supervisors meeting about short-term rentals (STR). Since the ordinance was adopted, applicant's have gotten creative with loopholes and workarounds that are not in keeping with the spirit and intention of the ordinance. Christine Miller voiced her opposition to the proliferation of STR's.

There being no further business before the PC, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Judith Willig
Recording Secretary