

East Penn Township - Minutes
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting

June 1, 2026 6:30 PM
East Penn Township Community Center

The East Penn Township Board of Supervisors conducted their June 1, 2026 regular meeting at the East Penn Township Community Center. Chairman John M. Strockoz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Supervisors Present	Chairman John M. Strockoz Vice Chairman Gary Kuehner Keith House Dennis L. Pearson William G. Schwab
Supervisors Absent	
Other Township Officials Present	Township Manager/Treasurer Jillyan A. Sterling Roadmaster Brandon Bradford

ANNOUNCE TO PUBLIC:

We are still accepting letters of interest for 2 vacancies on the Recreation Board, 1 Zoning Hearing Board Member and 1 Parks Committee Member.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance # 2026-01 Open hearing at 6:31 p.m. to accept comments regarding Ordinance #2026-01 which is: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST PENN, CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING EAST PENN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2009-07 (ZONING ORDINANCE), AS AMENDED, WITH RESPECT TO DATA STORAGE CENTERS AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH."

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kathy Henderson: 592 Germans Road- Mrs. Henderson produced the Kidder Township Data Center Ordinance for the Supervisors to review and discussed key points she would like to see included. Kidder Township's Ordinance will be shared with the Township Engineer.

Jerold Erie: 2348 E. Lizard Creek Road- Mr. Erie wanted to know why we wanted a data center, the Board informed Mr. Erie that the intent of the Ordinance is to regulate if a data center developer would come to the township, we cannot say they can not build one but we can limit and regulate by having an ordinance.

Close hearing at 6:42 p.m.

COURTESY of the FLOOR:

Jared Cebrosky: 104 Kaysea Lane- “Brush/lawn clipping is there a drop off location?” Mr. Cebrosky was notified that we do not have a drop off location, he can either ask his garbage hauler or safely burn them.

APPROVALS:

1	Minutes-	<i>Motion by Gary Kuehner, seconded by William G. Schwab, to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
2	Treasurer’s Report-	<i>Motion by William G. Schwab, seconded by Gary Kuehner, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for May 1st through 31st as presented. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
3	Invoices for Payment-	<i>Motion by Gary Kuehner, seconded by Keith House, to approve the transfers and invoices for payment as presented. AIF. Motion Carried.</i> (Schwab abstained from BRC, Pencor Hydraulic and Times News payments.)

ROADS:

4	Road Report-	Roadmaster Bradford relayed the following road report for the month of May: - Completed milling and base repair on South and N. Kittatinny, Riverview Rd. and W. Sunset Rd. - Crack sealed Hidden Spur, Bowmans, N. & S. Kittatinny Rd. - Repaired grader front end. - Blue Mountain Equipment replaced the high-pressure pump on the grader. - Started shoulder mowing throughout the township. - Sign repair throughout the township. - Normal drain and tree cleanup after storms. - Started cutting shoulders on Dieters Hill.
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SUBDIVISIONS, LAND DEVELOPMENT, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

5	Updates on Civil Complaints:	
	Joseph Lane-	Awaiting Plea.
6	GRANTS-	

	LSA Monroe County (Recreation)- LSA Monroe County (Fire Co.)-	No updates. The Fire Co. was awarded \$20,000.00 of the \$40,000.00 requested for radio upgrades. They are requesting the township to pay the remaining balance of \$58,000.00. <i>Motion by Dennis L. Pearson, seconded by William G. Schwab to authorize a contribution in the amount of <u>\$27,857.00</u> to the East Penn Township Fire Company. House abstained due to being a Vol. Fire Fighter. Stroczko, Kuehner, Schwab and Pearson in favor. Motion Carried.</i>
7	Truck Purchase-	Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

8	Ordinance #2026-01-	*ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS BEFORE THE MOTION TO ADOPT? <i>Having considered any comments made during the public Hearing, motion made by Keith House, seconded by Gary Kuehner to adopt Ordinance 2026-01 amending East Penn Township Ordinance No. 2009-07 (ZONING ORDINANCE), as amended, with respect to data storage centers and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
9	Fuel Bids July 6, 2026- July 5, 2027-	Bids were opened at 2 pm on May 21, 2026. <i>Motion by William G. Schwab, seconded by Keith House to award the following fuel bids for:</i> <i>Propane: <u>Heller's</u> at the fixed price of \$1.70 per gallon.</i> <i>Gasoline: <u>Suburban Propane</u> at the price of \$4.13594/gall.+\$0.20 add on.</i> <i>Diesel: <u>Suburban Propane</u> at the price of \$4.42084/gall.+\$0.22 add on. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
10	National Trail Alliance-	<i>Motion by William G. Schwab, seconded by Keith House, to authorize the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance to install wayfinding signage along township roads. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
11	UCC Construction Amendment-	It has been suggested by the Township Zoning/BCO Officer that although the Township currently follows the PA Construction Code that does not require a building permit for accessory structures under 1,000 sq. feet that we should have our Solicitor draft an amendment to the UCC Code for the Township to require inspections for certain structures such as decks and pole

		barns since it has come to our attention that structures are being built larger than the approved size on the Zoning applications. <i>Motion made by William G. Schwab, seconded by Gary Kuehner to authorize the Township Solicitor to amend the UCC Code to require specific structures to obtain a UCC permit and inspections. (PA Construction Code, Act 45 of 99, Section 503, subsection C.) AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
12	Application Motion-	<i>Motion made by John M. Strockoz, seconded by William G. Schwab to re-advertise the Help Wanted ad for an additional 2 weeks with changes to include having a CDL B with willingness to upgrade to an A. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
13	Road Foreman-	<i>Motion by John M. Strockoz, seconded by Gary Kuehner to appoint Gerald Ripkey Road Foreman effective June 1, 2026 as recommended by the Roadmaster. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
14	Township Secretary/Sewer Billing Clerk-	<i>Motion by William G. Schwab, seconded by Gary Kuehner to increase the payrate for the Township Secretary to \$24.12 an hour effective June 1, 2026. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>

PARKS AND RECREATION:

11	Updates-	None
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Reports, Communication, Minutes:

√- Park Commission no mtg- Planning Commission √- Recreation Board √- Zoning/Building √-SEO

Adjournment: Being nothing further before the Board, *motion by John M. Strockoz, seconded by Gary Kuehner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM. MOTION CARRIED, Strockoz, Kuehner, House, Pearson and Schwab voting yes.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jillyan A. Sterling
Township Manager/Treasurer