

**THE TOWNSHIP OF MAXATAWNY  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 2026 - 6:30pm**

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**MINUTES**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Chairman Reynolds called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Michael Berger, Dave Sobotka, Martin Kozlowski and Laurel Burkhardt (joining the meeting late by zoom/speaker phone). Professionals present: Engineer, Nick Perilli; Solicitor, Chris Muvdi; Township Code Enforcement Officer, Chris Paff; and Township Office Assistant, Tricia Wessner

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** (Agenda items)

**REORGANIZATION:**

1. Motion to appoint Chairman of the Planning Commission
  - a. Motion made by Sobotka and seconded by Kozlowski to appoint Rob Reynolds as Chairman. Motion passed (4-0)
2. Motion to appoint Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission
  - a. Motion made by Dave Sobotka and seconded by Kozlowski to appoint Michael Berger as Vice-Chairman. Motion passed (4-0)
3. Motion to appoint Secretary of the Planning Commission
  - a. Motion made by Sobotka and seconded by Kozlowski to appoint Laurel Burkhardt as Secretary. Motion passed (4-0)

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

1. Motion to approve the December 18, 2025 meeting minutes
  - a. Motion made by Sobotka and seconded by Kozlowski to approve the December 18, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion passed (4-0)

**PLANS TO REVIEW:**

1. University Par/Tuskes Homes - Preliminary plan for review
  - a. Request received by project representatives to hold off on the review. Request granted
2. Zoning Hearing application review - ALDI Inc
  - a. Member Dave Sobotka recused himself from the discussion
  - b. Representative of the project, Justin Geonnotti, presented the plan and updated the Board on the changes made to the proposed project and the variances that will be requested
  - c. Motion made by Reynolds and seconded by Kozlowski to recommend approval of the requested variances for the project. Motion passed (4-0)
3. Comprehensive Plan/SALDO/Zoning Update
  - a. Discussion on Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding agricultural fences
    - Discussion tabled
  - b. Discussion on draft Landscaping Ordinance
    - Discussion tabled
  - c. Discussion on Data Center Ordinance
    - A draft was presented to the Commission
    - There was lengthy discussion including zoning districts for data centers, use of water and electricity, and noise
    - Kutztown Boro Planning Commission member, Bob Weller, joined the conversation providing detail of the draft Ordinance that the Boro is looking to approve
    - Motion made by Sobotka and seconded by Kozlowski to make additions to the draft and take it to the Board of Supervisors in February. Motion passed (5-0)

**MONTHLY SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT:**

1. The Planning Commission reviewed the Status Report for the month.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:**

1. Solicitor – Chris Muvdi
  - a. Nothing at this time
2. Engineer – Nick Perilli
  - a. Nothing at this time

**HEARING OF THE VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENT:** nothing at this time

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Sobotka and seconded by Kozlowski to adjourn at 7:15pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Jerilyn Wehr, Secretary/Treasurer