

Athens Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
May 4, 2026

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission (PC) was called to order on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 6:37PM by Chairwoman, Marion Carling.

Present: Chairwoman Marion Carling, Rebecca Miller, Ron Reagan, Matt Cooper, Bob Petruschak, Zoning Officer, Ed Reid, and Secretary, Cindy Parrish. All others in attendance are noted on the attached sign-in sheet or noted in the minutes.

Applicants to be heard:

none

Review/Comment on Bradford County Proposed Land Development Ordinance Amendment V.2: Data Centers:

Carling noted that none of the residents at last month's meeting had sent any feedback or questions to Parrish to forward to the members.

Discussion was held. Cooper stated that he'd like for Section E.d. to read that closed-loop (cooling) systems "**shall** be utilized to the maximum extent practicable". Members then discussed making comments as the PC and/or as individual members/residents.

The PC decided on the following comments:

1. E.d. should use "to the maximum extent practicable" instead of "where feasible"
2. E.e. contradicts H.c.
3. Reformat using correct outlining structure
4. The first draft (dated 3/16/26) mentioned emergency services (chemical supply sufficiency), but the second draft does not (J. vi. From 1st draft); please add it back in
5. L.a. v and vi are duplicates
6. N.b. should add "property owner/developer"
7. L.-add a requirement for a sound study
8. L.-add a requirement for an air quality study

Motion was made by Reagan and seconded by Cooper to have Parrish send a letter, signed by Carling, with the above noted comments to the Bradford County Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance/Saldo Updates:

Reid suggested that PC use the Bradford County Ordinance draft (discussed above) as a starting point for the Township Data Center section in our Zoning Ordinance (ZO).

Parrish gave her ZO edits to Miller.

Discussion was held about the "Product/Service Signage" section.

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Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2026, meeting was made by Cooper and seconded by Petruschak. Motion carried. Reagan and Miller both abstained as they were not in attendance for that meeting.

It was noted that the next PC meeting will be on June 1, 2026, not on May 4, 2026, as erroneously noted on the agenda.

Correspondence:

All correspondence was reviewed individually by the members.

Chairwoman Carling adjourned the meeting at 7:49PM as there was no other business before the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia R. Parrish
Secretary