LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD MEETING
Regular
Monday, May 18, 2026

Present:	Kevin Nerwinski, Manager Christopher Bobbitt, Mayor James Kownacki, Councilman Maria Connolly, Vice Chairperson Ian Dember Philip Duran Terrence Leggett, Chairperson Annette Loveless Kenneth Kiernan, Alternate #1
Excused Absence:	Alan DiSciullo
Absent:	Leslye Scipio, Alternate #2
Also Present:	James F. Parvesse, Municipal Engineer Edwin Schmierer, Planning Board Attorney Elizabeth McManus, Planning Consultant

Statement of Adequate Notice:

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Lawrence Township Planning Board has been provided by filing the annual meeting schedule with the Municipal Clerk as required by law; by filing the agenda and notice with the Municipal Clerk, posting prominently in the Municipal Building and mailing to the Trenton Times and the Trentonian newspapers.

Public Participation:

None

Minutes for Approval:

May 4, 2026, regular meeting

Meeting minutes of the regular session were approved.

Resolutions:

Resolution of Memorialization 14-26; Council Referral – Ordinances, Housing Plan Implementation. Approved per unanimous vote.

Applications:

None

Public Hearing

None

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New Business

Discussion of Housing Plan Implementation Ordinance as follows:

- Ordinance 2511-26
  Neighborhood-1 Overlay District

Beth McManus provided an overview of the suggested amendments from the prior meeting. Members of the Board asked questions and discussed various concerns.

Public Comment

The Township opened the meeting for public questions and comment. 4 residents spoke during the hearing and asked a variety of question and expressed their concerns. Members of the Board and professionals responded to questions and concerns as appropriate. The discussions included, but were not limited to the following:

- Comment regarding building height and overall number of units. Questions regarding the zoning map designation of the developable area. Concerns regarding public sewer and method of providing service to the property with a private system.
- Environmental sensitivity concerns and questions regarding having an environmental expert to provide information to the Board.
- Comments from Watershed Institute representative with suggestions to improve ordinances by including language to enhance environmental requirements. Consistency with the Master Plan.
- Questions regarding the package sewer plan costs and responsibilities.

The Board heard from the public and had significant discussion regarding potential amendments to the ordinances. The Township Planner was directed to provide a mark-up of the ordinance for Council with a memo explaining the purpose of these changes are to clarify issue raised by the public. It was agreed that these changes are likely not substantive and re-notice would not be required. Ultimately it is a decision that will be made by the Township Attorney.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.
Digital audio file of this meeting is available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

James Parvesse
Board Secretary
Minutes approved: _____