

DTPC MINUTES

Dickinson Township Planning Commission

January 14, 2026 Dickinson Township Meeting Room
6:00 pm

Attendance

Commission Members:

Elizabeth Grant, Nathan Merkel, Beth Kikla, Robert Line III, Justin Smith

Staff:

Township Manager, Jill Lovett, Secretary/Treasurer, Grace Hogue, Zoning/Codes Officer, Ryan Hoover, Public Work's Director, Glenn Kelso, Solicitor Matthew Boyer

Absent:

Mark Hockley

Visitors:

None

CALL TO ORDER

The January 14, 2026 Dickinson Township Planning Commission organizational meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Elizabeth Grant followed by Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOMINATE & ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Solicitor Boyer was seated as the Temporary Chair to accept nominations for the Chairperson. Solicitor Boyer opened nominations for Chairperson. Nathan Merkel motioned to nominate Elizabeth Grant as Chairperson for the 2026 Planning Commission. Robert Line seconded the motion to nominate Elizabeth Grant as Chairperson for 2026 and it passed with Elizabeth Grant abstaining. Chairperson Grant took the Chairperson seat for the remainder of the meeting.

NOMINATE & ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Grant opened nominations for Vice Chairperson. Chairperson Grant motioned to nominate Nathan Merkel as Vice Chairperson of the 2026 Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Robert Line and it was passed with Nathan Merkel abstaining.

NOMINATE & ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Chairperson Grant opened nominations for Planning Commission Secretary for 2026. Beth Kikla motioned to nominate Justin Smith as Secretary of the 2026 Planning Commission. Chairperson Grant seconded the motion to nominate Justin Smith; however, the nomination was declined. Nathan Merkel withdrew the

motion. Nate Merkel motioned to nominate Beth Kikla as Secretary of the 2026 Planning Commission. Justin Smith seconded the motion and it was passed with Beth Kikla abstaining.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Dickinson Township currently has openings on several boards and committees. Please visit the Township website for more information.
- b. A reminder that more information about our community can be found on our website at www.dickinsontownship.org

Beth Kikla asked if the Township has the ability to aggressively seek candidates for the vacancy on the Planning Commission. With the current vacancy and potentially her vacancy after 2026, could there be some advertising for the vacancy. She discussed her concern with the ongoing vacancy. Manager Lovett stated there will be advertisement in the newsletter for each of the vacancies as well as the website and social media. Chairperson Grant asked if each member of the commission would be willing to contact at least 2 people before the next meeting, to encourage participation on the board. Beth Kikla mentioned drafting something to include in the newsletter to advertise this board vacancy. Manager Lovett stated she could send out what she has currently and would consider expansion on it.

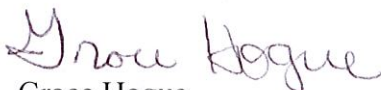
AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice Chairman Merkel motioned to approve the 2026 organization meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Robert Line and unanimously passed to approve the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Merkel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 PM. The motion was seconded by Robert Line and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Grace Hogue
Secretary/Treasurer

