

DTPC MINUTES

Dickinson Township Planning Commission

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 Dickinson Township Meeting Room
6:00 pm

Attendance

Commission Members:

Chairperson Elizabeth Grant, Vice Chairman Justin Smith, Secretary Beth Kikla, Robert "Bob" Line, John Aigeldinger

Staff:

Township Manager Jill Lovett, Public Works Director Glenn Kelso, Secretary/Treasurer Grace Hogue, Zoning/Codes Officer Ryan Hoover, Solicitor Matt Boyer

Absent:

Jason Reichard, Engineer, Mark Hockley

Visitors:

None

CALL TO ORDER

The August 12, 2026 Dickinson Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairperson Grant followed by Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Dickinson Township is asking residents to sign up for its mass text alert system. This system is used to alert residents of things such as emergency situations, road closures, trash delays, etc. To sign up please go to the Township website and click on the image where it says Mass Text Alert Signup. Fill out the form online and hit submit.
- b. Reminder that Dickinson Township is seeking volunteers for several open positions (Alternate on Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission and Environmental Advisory Council) on various Boards and Committees. If interested, please contact Jill Lovett at manager@dickinsontownship.org if you are interested.
- c. A reminder that more information about our community can be found on our website at www.dickinsontownship.org

AGENDA APPROVAL

John Aigeldinger motioned to approve the August 12, 2026 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Bob Line and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Beth Kikla requested an amendment to the minutes of July 8, 2026 New Business: there was a typo using “reinstated” instead of just stated.

Vice Chairperson Smith motioned to approve the July 8, 2026 meeting minutes with the recommended edit. The motion was seconded by John Aigeldinger and passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Chairperson Grant mentioned the farmer workshops through the county tomorrow in case anyone is interested.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

PLAN REVIEW - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT – None

SOLICITORS REPORT – None

ENGINEERS REPORT - None

PARK & RECREATION LIAISON REPORT – Manager Lovett reported there wasn’t a meeting this past month, however the Children’s Fishing Derby is planned for September 19, 2026, as well as an upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting event later in the year.

SUPERVISOR LIAISON REPORT – Bob Line shared the Supervisors have approved the data center draft ordinance for advertisement. Beth Kikla asked for details of the special meeting on September 8, 2026, would work with the draft ordinance. Manager Lovett asked if a representative of the Planning Commission could attend the meeting and provide an overview of the ordinance. Beth Kikla said she would attend and provide an overview. There was further discussion on the advertising process and waiting for comments from the County.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion on updating Construction and Design of Parking Areas within the ordinance; material review*

Ryan Hoover presented his review of the zoning ordinance and need for updating parking areas. He explained the process of putting these examples together. He explained the specific ways of providing an ordinance for this. He clarified the specific changes he is recommending to make.

Chairperson Grant referenced the loading area specifications and asked how this ruling can be maintained. Ryan Hoover explained the reasoning behind the wording in this area, and Beth Kikla added that being too specific could cause further issues.

Chairperson Grant asked if there was an action item required for approval. Solicitor Boyer suggested leaving it until next month to take further action.

The next section to be discussed was off street parking in the ordinance. John Aigeldinger clarified this would be specifically for anything other than a single-family dwelling. Ryan Hoover

answered that anything, businesses, rentals, etc. besides single family dwelling is where this would be considered.

Chairperson Grant asked how the bumper guards would be enforced. Ryan Hoover answered that it depends on the plan through the engineer. There was further discussion as to when would be required and what kind of business it would be required. These would be an important safety requirement.

b. Discussion on updating Outdoor Shooting Range in relationship to noise to reference Section 205-35 instead of Section 205-30

Ryan Hoover presented the noise and outdoor shooting range adjustments to the ordinance for the commission to review. He asked Solicitor Boyer about a particular change that will probably be needed. Solicitor Boyer answered there could be an ordinance to regulate noise, but only for future shooting ranges. Solicitor Boyer continued to answer questions about whether doing nuisance action towards a shooting range. He mentioned that is not permitted to use nuisance as something to enforce. Bob Line asked about whether this only for certain types of shooting ranges, and Solicitor Boyer responded it would be for public and private clubs. Chairperson Grant had questions on how nuisance ordinance could enforce gun clubs. Solicitor Boyer clarified while it wouldn't qualify as a nuisance, it could still be a noise issue. Beth Kikla further questioned why the nuisance section would be in the shooting range ordinance if it can't be enforced. Solicitor Boyer answered the township could enforce the noise provisions; however someone couldn't bring a nuisance claim to the shooting range, but they can bring a nuisance claim to the township. Chairperson Grant referenced a section where timeframes were specified, and she asked how some of this could be enforced including noise. Solicitor Boyer suggested adjusting the wording to mention the noise doesn't count as a nuisance. Beth Kikla asked about how residents could still file a claim through the nuisance of traffic complaints. Solicitor Boyer clarified there are strict statutes for the noise, and other nuisance complaints would go under specific statutes. Vice Chairperson Grant referenced a discrepancy within Section 205-109K. Solicitor Boyer suggested removing Section K altogether. Ryan Hoover suggested also removing this reference in A & B as well. After further discussion, the planning commission agreed to modify K and B sections by removing the MU Zone to make this more clarifying. John Aigeldinger referenced State ruling with gun clubs. Solicitor Boyer mentioned he'd have to do some research on that question. Ryan Hoover mentioned particular uses that might be required to be listed. The commission agreed to include these uses.

c. Discussion on the differences between agritainment and rural event venues

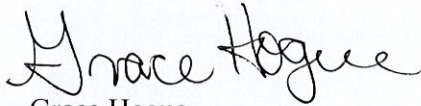
Chairperson Grant introduced the next discussion about agritainment and rural event venues and the items she had sent out to support the discussion. She asked what this discussion should focus on. Ryan Hoover shared which items have been asked about most commonly to suggest which ones are important to discuss. There was a discussion on whether the event venues sections should be separate from other types of entertainment. Manager Lovett stated there will be further examples of this ordinance next month. Chairperson Grant suggested each commission member review the documents sent out before the next meeting. John Aigeldinger clarified the need to consider the circumstances when it comes to events and venues on what to enforce. Chairperson Grant commented that entertainment and venues will begin to be more common around the area. Beth Kikla explained the important process for a commercial application. She asked how the ordinance currently reflects the process for SALDO. She continued by explaining the process of a variance for the Zoning Hearing Board along with coming before the Planning Commission. Ryan

Hoover answered that SALDO process does cover all the steps. Chairperson Grant mentioned the documents sent out include the guidelines that could work for the township. Chairperson Grant reviewed the plan for next month's meeting for examples for the ordinance specifically on rural venues to support further discussion to finalize the ordinances.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M. The motion was seconded by Beth Kikla and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Grace Hogue
Secretary/Treasurer

