

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from 06/23/2026

Meeting Attendees: Wayne, Lori, Fred, Travis, Dale, Prescott, Kat

Meeting called to order 6:30pm

Roll Call-See Attendees above

Meeting was properly noticed

Motion to approve the agenda by Dale and 2nd by Wayne-All approved

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting 5/26/2026: Motion made-Fred and second by Prescott. All approved.

Persons wishing to address the Planning Committee-None noted in advance of the meeting-None

Discussion:

- Discussion on Road Ordinance received from attorney
 - General discussion around the language overall. Some discussion around adding verbiage to make some areas a bit more clear and less ambiguous.
 - Looks like we are singling out farmers versus trying to make the ordinance more inclusive of all larger operations
 - Fred had several points of places where potential changes could help clarify the language.
 - Potentially adding some language for “non-agricultural” hauling in paragraph 3 on page one.
 - Adding the term “commercial” after “industrial” on number 1 on page 2 to add more clarity.
 - Overall, more discussion on the ordinance that was provided by our attorney. The commission felt as if the information provided to the attorney to draft a new ordinance wasn’t really utilized and more over the attorney simply took other ordinances they may have written in the past and drafted something from that work that had already been created which is what the commission was trying to avoid.
 - More discussion around is this ordinance “good enough” to move forward to the Board. Overall, the committee had quite a bit of discussion on how long before we move something on to the board even if it isn’t completely how we want it to be in the end. The argument was made that at this point it will be the fall before we get an ordinance on the books and we may miss the timeframe in which this activity is actually going to take place.
 - The discussion was also around the fact that this draft will be reviewed on the 11th of July from 10-12 with the public and more input will be compiled there for the board to review on the 14th.
 - Motion was made by Kat to send the current ordinance to the board, and was 2nd by Travis
 - Vote
 - Ya-Travis, Kat, Prescott, Dale, Wayne

- Na-Lori
- Motion passed
- Robin asked for help with the logistics for the meeting on the 11th.
 - Dale and Wayne will facilitate the meeting
 - Wayne will bring the donuts and Dale is in charge of the coffee
 - Travis and Fred will attend and will be able to help answer questions and work anything that Robin needs for help with the event.
- Discussion around data centers
 - The group generally feels that the infrastructure doesn't exist in Martell currently to warrant a data center being built in our township.
 - This doesn't mean it couldn't happen
 - Dale read the language that is currently (we believe) in front of the Pierce County board for adoption regarding data centers and the necessary requirements necessary for Pierce County.
 - Travis discussed simply adding the same language to our comprehensive plan and also adding light pollution requirements as well.
 - Prescott also discussed the link he sent and we can review that as well at the next meeting.
 - This will be discussed again at the next Planning meeting and actions/next steps.

Next meeting is 7/28 @6:30pm

Agenda for the next meeting

- Road Ordinance -Review Coffee chat and Board feedback and take action as needed
- Continued discussion on data centers and how we should think about them.
 - Determine how to add county language into our Comprehensive Plan

Kat made a motion to adjourn that was 2nd by Lori and all approved. 8:05pm