

Minutes of the Meeting of
Borough of Trappe Planning Commission
Trappe Borough Hall
February 17, 2026

Call to Order – M. Dolny called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: B. Bechtel, M. Schaffer, H. Gustafson, and B. Ratkiewicz

*Currently a vacant position exists

Also, present: M. Dolny and visitors

Motion to retain current leadership structure for the planning commission, M. Schaffer as Chairman, B. Bechtel as Vice-Chairman, and M. Dolny as Planning Commission Secretary:

Motion: M. Schaffer Seconded: B. Bechtel Approved: 4-0

The minutes of the July 15, 2025, Planning Commission meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to approve the minutes with a minor correction:

Motion: B. Bechtel Seconded: H. Gustafson Approved: 4-0

310 Laurel Drive – Conditional Use Solar

- The Application was presented to the Commission. M. Dolny stated that all requirements have been met and the project was HOA approved.

Motion to recommend approval to Council:

Motion: B. Bechtel Seconded: B. Ratkiewicz Approved: 4-0

M. Dolny updated council on the Zoning Amendments that will include an institutional government zoning district, stormwater provisions, possible expansion of PEMA/FEMA permitting, and further provisions in regard to Data Centers.

B. Ratkiewicz spoke further on Data Centers, outlines provisions for community gains if a center would go in. Also looking at the idea of using non potable water for centers, but the feasibility for that is still undefined. Focus is to remain proactive as this has been driven by the AI Boom.

Public Forum:

A group of students from Ursinus College attended the meeting for their urbanization class.

The Commission answered questions regarding obstacles, funding sources, comparison of standards between federal, state, and local levels. M. Dolny stated communities zoning and SALDO can be very outdated, its important to be vigilant.

Students were welcomed to contact the office or commission if they ever have further questions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus V. Dolny, Secretary