Chester Township Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes

|Wednesday, September 16, 2026 7:00 PM |
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Oswick at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mr. Kats, Mr. Lauro, Mr. Mersol, Mr. Oswick, Mr. Rosenbaum, Mr. Spetrino
Members absent: None

Also Present:
Becky Geissinger - Secretary, Zoning and Zoning Appeals

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Oswick led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kats moved to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2026 meeting as amended; Mr. Lauro seconded.
Mr. Kats/yes Mr. Lauro/yes Mr. Mersol/yes
Mr. Oswick/yes Mr. Rosenbaum/yes Mr. Spetrino/yes **Motion passed**
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PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHESTER TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION

The following two proposed amendments were presented to the Board of Trustees at its meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2026. The results were as follows:

2026-5 (Blur the Lines) – Denied

2026-6 (Accessory Buildings) – Denied

Mr. Spetrino attended the Board of Trustees meeting. He observed that the Board of Trustees had concerns regarding the clarity of the wording presented.
Mr. Spetrino stated that the Board of Trustees is planning on having a joint meeting with the ZC in the near future to discuss these amendments and why they were denied.

BoT Director Positions (4year term)
2 directors' terms expire every two years (odd years)
Mr. Radtke (Term Expires 12/31/2027)
Ms. Jarrett (Term Expires 12/31/2027)
Mr. Richter (Term Expires 12/31/2029)
Mr. Davis (Term Expires 12/31/2029)

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9/22/2026 11:39 AM9/22/2026 11:40 AM2027 FOCUS ITEMS
The Zoning Inspector is scheduled to attend the October 7, 2026. The Zoning Commission will review and consider information gathered to identify and address concerns, challenges, and areas of focus for 2027.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

EV Charging Stations – Mike Santilli, Director of Fire Investigation Unit of Geauga County sent potential Zoning Resolution language for EV Charging Stations. Copies were distributed to all. - Tabled

Data Centers – Tabled for future meetings. Needs to be looked at. Highest need is to define the size of a data center that can be allowed. Data Centers need to be defined (specifically size) in our definitions and listed as a permitted use.
Mr. Mersol stated that we don't want to do a moratorium at this point because once we do, the Township MUST take action. We cannot ban them, but Chester Township is not a high-risk target of data centers due to our current Resolution, and Industrial Zones. Let's not worry about a moratorium right now, let's solve the problem. This will b

Save the Date:
Geauga County Community Zoning Group (Township Specific) meeting
Thursday, October 28th @ 6:30 pm at
Claridon Administration Building 13932 Mayfield Road, Chardon

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:29 p.m.

Final Review by: _____ October 7, 2026
Jon Oswick, Chair Date

Attested by: _____ October 7, 2026
Becky Geissinger, Secretary Date

APPROVED