

TIOGA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

6:30 P.M. Tokishi Building

Call to Order: Kevin Connelly (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: The roll call found eight (8) members present: Commissioner Marc Rice, Nancy Smith, Karl Kroeck, Dawn Avery, Carol Hoke, Bill Roosa, and Erick Coolidge. Also, in attendance Kaye Aumick, Administrative Director; Rachel Courtney, Planning Director.

Public in attendance: Michelle Strange, Kristin Hamilton, and Danni Logue.

Approval of Minutes: A copy of the February minutes was available for review. Motion to approve was made by Bill Roosa, second by Marc Rice. Motion carried.

Presentations: No presentations were given.

Old Business: K. Aumick gave the following updates:

- **Mountain Laurel Recovery Center – Westfield Borough** – No new updates.
- **Morris Run Water Treatment – Acid Mine Reduction** – Presented project at meeting.
- **Kecks Food Service – Jackson Township** – No new updates. Planning Department to reach out in late spring.
- **Croft Hollow Compressor Station** – No new updates. They intend to start construction of the buildings in the spring.

New Business: No new business was presented.

Other Business:

- **Data Center Land Development Application Process** – The Planning Commission reviewed the Application Process checklist and made the following recommendations:
 - Raise Application Fee from \$250.00 to \$500.00

Directors Report: R. Courtney gave a verbal report.

- **Community Benefits Agreement (CBA)** – After discussion the Planning Commission requested the CBA be added to Old Business for the next meeting. The Commission made suggestions on key stakeholders to include in CBA conversations including School District Superintendents and local leaders.

The following recommendations were made:

- Remove: Data Center from the Title
- Add: local banks when possible
- **MAP Grant submitted for Tioga Counties Comprehensive Plan Update due 2027** – Award announcements will happen this summer, with update work to begin in late fall.
- **Northcentral Regional ATV Trail (NRAT COG)** – The network has expanded for the 2026 riding season, going from 22.9 pilot miles to 105.5 total miles after adding 82.6 more. Connections to Potter County and throughout Tioga County communities has been made through approved state roads in Clymer, Westfield, Chatham, and Brookfield, plus added three forestry roads—Spoor

Hollow, Straight Run, and Sand Road. It now covers eight Tioga County municipalities. A member orientation meeting will be held March 10th.

- **WeConservePA Updates** – The Planning Department has been busy pursuing grants and recognition opportunities. An application applied for a WeConservePA Regional Trail Workshop Grant (with an award decision expected soon) and were selected to host the 2027 Pennsylvania Greenways & Trails Summit, which typically draws over 250 attendees. They also successfully nominated the Pine Creek Rail Trail as DCNR’s 2026 Trail of the Year, which comes with signage, a \$5,000 grant, and a celebration event planned for September 2026.
- **PA Wilds Planning Team Updates** – An application has been submitted for a PA Wilds Community Engagement Mini-Grant to support a land art installation tied to that celebration (awards expected in May), and are working to reintroduce the PA Wilds Design Guide, which will guide the project if funding is awarded.

Public Comment: Kristin Hamilton (Develop Tioga) announced the Public Meeting regarding the County Housing Study that is to be hosted March 19th, with Sessions at 2:30PM & 6PM at the Tokishi Building.

Next meeting: April 8, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

No further business – Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Rachel Courtney.