WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

7644 Durham Rd., Whitehall 49461

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2026

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Carmen Rodriguez, Chairperson.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Planning Commission Members Present: Carmen Rodriguez, Kathy Dusseau, Al Wheeler, David Holly, Brian Mulnix, Tom Zmolek

Absent: John Duff, Rachael Novak, Township Attorney

Township Staff Present: Dennis Kroll, Township Supervisor

Guests Present: Robert and Rebecca Meloche

IV. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Holly made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Mr. Mulnix seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes5

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the September 2, 2026 minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Holly. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Comment

A. Ms. Rodriguez opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

B. Being no public comment, Ms. Rodriguez closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

VII. New Business

A. None

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Swimming Pool Ordinance Change

1. Ms. Rodriguez re-opened the discussion about the request from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meloche to revise the ordinance requiring permanent fencing around township swimming pools. Their argument is that the local ordinance need only comply with

the 2021 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code which supports lockable safety covers on pools in lieu of security fencing.

2. Ms. Rodriguez expressed concern about setting precedents by approving an ordinance change. She asked whether Mr. and Mr. Meloche had consulted their residential insurance agent and carrier and recommended that they do so.

3. Commission members reviewed the history of this recommendation for an entire ordinance change and debated whether a individual variance should be considered instead. Ms. Rodriquez indicated a need for more research and counsel on this matter and requested that the Meloche's speak to their insurance carrier and come back to the Planning Commission meeting in November.

4. Ms. Dusseau made a motion to table the matter which was seconded by Mr. Wheeler. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Master Plan

1. Ms. Rodriguez reopened the ongoing discussion about completion of the master plan.
2. The members spent considerable time wordsmithing the proposed goals for the 2028 Master Plan.

IX. Adjournment

A. Ms. Dusseau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mulnix seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

11/4/26

Carmen Rodriguez, Chairperson Date

11.4.2026

Thomas Zmolek, Secretary Date