UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 5, 2026

The Upper Oxford Township Planning Commission held their monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Oxford, PA at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 5, 2026.

Members present: Jesse Holmes, Colin Kraucunas, David Underwood, Lynn Robinson, Karl Herr and Jane Daggett, Secretary.

Others: Scott Rugen, Charles Fleischmann, Bernie Barnum, Ron Barnum and Eileen Butler

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Colin Kraucunas at 7:05 P.M.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Lynn Robinson, seconded by Colin Kraucunas and carried to approve the September 8, 2026 Minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

ANTHONY BEILER – Karl Herr brought up some questions regarding the engineer's review of this project, and whether or not Mr. Beiler would be required to request a waiver from a riparian buffer. This will be discussed later once the County does their review and other reviews by the township engineer.

LAND USE MAP – Supervisor Rugen explained that Brandywine Conservancy proposed to assist the township with creating an official map and ordinance. Brandywine will apply for a Vision Partnership grant. The cost would be $12,500.00. The Township would be responsible for 60% of this. The process of creating the map would be done during our work sessions where we would determine what we would like to accomplish with preserving prime agricultural land in the township along with historic areas. Meetings would be held with land owners and adjacent land owners. After the planning process a hearing would be held before the ordinance could be adopted. The Ordinance would be part of the Comprehension Plan and be compatible with the Oxford Area Regional Comprehensive Plan. This map would be a tool where we could negotiate with developers or land owners. Open Space funds can only be used for acquisition of land and not to pay for the Brandywine Conservancy's services.

SPORTS COMPLEX - the Township has not heard anything more regarding this since a sketch plan was presented September 2, 2025.

HISTORIC COMMISSION – Blair Fleischmann on behalf of the Upper Oxford Township Historic Commission addressed the Planning Commission regarding the Historic Commission's efforts to acquire determination of eligibility for the Homeville Meetinghouse. Blair explained that in 2016, Robert Wise of Wise Preservation Planning submitted to the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office resource survey forms for the villages of Homeville and Russellville in Upper Oxford Township. Mr. Wise stated that instead of pursuing two independent National Register district, the township would develop a single rural district that includes both districts. Blair presented a map to the Planning Commission showing the areas involved and the different classification of the districts. Blair invited the members to a presentation which will be held at the Russellville Grange on November 15, 2026. Blair stated that they Historic Commission wants to recognize Homeville and Russellville as a significant village. The existing zoning would still stand. By being recognized, it would help the Historic Commission with a little more leverage on demolition permits.

COCHRANVILLE FIRE COMPANY – Supervisor Rugen discussed briefly with the Planning Commission the Supervisor's meeting with the fire company regarding their lack of volunteers and their financial problems. The fire company's long- term plan is to pay their volunteer $50.00 to show up for fires. This cost would need to be absorbed by the townships. Lynn Robinson questioned why we do not see a reduction in cost since the new emergency hospital has opened.

CRIMINAL GROUPS – Supervisor Rugen informed the Planning Commission of recent driveway paving scams involving two residents in the township and to be on the look out for Asphalt Express and Eastern Asphalt. Their owners have outstanding warrants on them.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Colin Kraucunas, seconded by Dave Underwood and carried to adjourn unanimously at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary