Vice Chairman Charlotte Hunsberger called the Franconia Township Planning Commission to order at 6:00 pm on Tuesday September 8, 2026. Planning Commission Members present included Paul Nice, George Balzer, Doug Worley, Edward Brubaker and Steven Barndt. Director of Administration and Community Development Beth T. Gooch, Township Engineer Timothy Wallace and Township Solicitor Eric Wert were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Hunsberger asked if there were any comments or corrections to be made to the minutes from July 6, 2026. Hearing none, a motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Barndt and seconded by Mr. Worley. The motion carried, 6-0.

SUBDIVISON AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

OLD BUSINESS

(#03-26) JMA Realty LLC – Old Dutch Cupboard

Ms. Gooch provided an update to the members of the Planning Commission. PennDOT held a scoping meeting, and comments should be coming in the next week.

(#04-26) Souderton Area High School Amended Land Development

The School District has submitted a traffic study, and the Township Engineer has provided a review letter. The letter contains a number of recommended revisions that will need to be addressed. Once the District resubmits a revised plan and a new review letter is issued, this will be back on the agenda for discussion by the Planning Commission at a future meeting.

(#05-26) Grace Community Church Land Development

Ms. Gooch reported that a resubmission is anticipated later this week.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS

Ms. Gooch announced that an application has been submitted for 205 Schoolhouse Road to permit a distribution center use on the property that was previously approved for a warehouse use. The hearing will be held on Thursday, October 1st at 7 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

A re-zone hearing and a conditional use hearing are scheduled for Monday September 21st at 6 p.m. to permit Souderton Mennonite Homes to develop the property along Cowpath Road as part of the Derstine Property land development application.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 5, 2026, at 6 p.m.

Mr. Worley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Barndt, and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth T. Gooch,

Director of Administration

and Community Development