

**Pocono Township Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Pocono Township Board of Commissioners was held on July 20, 2026 and was opened by Chair Ellen Gndt at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Ellen Gndt, present; Natasha Leap, present; Dan McCreary, present; Matt Long, present via Zoom, Charles Keppler, present.

In Attendance: Leo DeVito-Township Solicitor; Jon Tresslar- Engineer; Patrick Briegel-Public Works Director; James Wagner, Chief of Police; Erica Tomas-Administrative Assistant, Paul Morgan, SFM Consulting.

Announcements:

- See Exhibit "A" Statement read by President Ellen Gndt regarding a Pocono Review Article
- The Board also met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

Public Comment

6:07 - Giana Falcon – Resident – Data Center Ordinance Study Recommendation
6:09 - Donna McMann – Resident -Library Trustee's Meeting
6:11 - Claire Learn & Mariann Gusset – Church being told to move chapel – PennDOT
6:15 - Joe Folsom – Why is Machinery pulled out on 715
6:16 - Elizabeth Casciano – Support by board for Pat, Stadden Road
6:21 - Cheryl Parks – Support for Pat & Jim, welcomed Dan
6:24 - Jim Pelegrini – Spoke regarding Data Centers
6:28 - Tim Harrison – Status on updated zoning map & consultant
6:30 – Ellen Gndt welcomes Dan McCreary to the Board of Commissioners

Presentations

6:31 - Regina Zuvich – Quarterly Review.

6:32 - Louise Troutman – Pocono Heritage Land Trust – zoning fee of \$404.50 waiver request – Tannersville Woods Sign. Charles Keppler made a motion, seconded by Ellen Gndt, to waive the permit fee of \$404.50 for Pocono Heritage Land Trust. All in favor. Motion carried.

6:38 - S. Graham Simmons III, Esq. - 1328 Golden Slipper Road Sign alternative – Discussion took place among the board members.

Hearings: Data Center Ordinance Amendment – *Transcribed by Court Reporter Donna Kenderdine*

7:05 – Ellen Gndt made a motion, seconded by Natasha Leap, to open the hearing. All in favor. Motion carried.

7:43 – Ellen Gndt made a motion, seconded by Charles Keppler, to close the hearing. All in favor. Motion carried.

7:44 – Ellen Gndt made a motion, seconded by Natasha Leap, to approve Ordinance 2026-08 Data Center Ordinance Amendment. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

7:47 – Ellen Gndt made a motion, seconded by Charles Keppler, to approve Resolution 2026-(26) to apply for the DCED Grant to Replace the Stadden Road Bridge to assist in the cost. Discussion was had among the board and public. All in favor. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

- Ellen Gndt made a motion, seconded by Charles Keppler, to approve a consent agenda of the following items:

- Old business consisting of the minutes of the July 6, 2026 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
- Financial transactions through July 20, 2026 as presented, including ratification of expenditures in the amount of \$616,209.12 for the following accounts: General Fund, Sewer Operations, Gross Payroll, Capital Reserve, Construction Fund. Discussion: All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 8:06 Natasha Leap made a motion, seconded by Ellen Gndt, to approve the Payment No.1 in the amount of \$37,598.40 on the Learn Road Roundabout Project as per T&M's letter dated 7/14/26. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 8:06 Natasha Leap made a motion, seconded by Ellen Gndt, to approve the Construction Escrow Release Payment No.1 in the amount of \$703,728.67 on the Trapasso Hotel Event Center LDP # 1438 as per T&M's letter dated 7/16/26. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 8:07 Natasha Leap made a motion, seconded by Dan McCreary, to waive the pavilion rental fees for Faith International Church on August 22nd. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 8:07 Ellen Gndt made a motion, seconded by Dan McCreary, to approve advertising for the now vacant alternate seat on the Zoning Hearing Board with interviews to be held at the August 17th BOC meeting. Discussion: 8:08 Charles Keppler commented regarding the opportunity to let your voice be heard. 8:09 Natasha Leap stressed that the Zoning Hearing Board has to have a neutral non biased voice. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 8:09 Charles Keppler made a motion, seconded by Ellen Gndt for discussion, to approve the Maple sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 for the Kettle Creek Environmental Fund Dinner. Discussion was had among the board. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 8:13 - Motion to consideration a possible proposal of a Cell Tower Lease on or near Mountain View Park Lane by TowerCo. **(Discussion and Possible Action Item)**8:14 Charles Keppler commented on his support of a cell tower. Ellen & Natasha would like more information along with where.

Commissioner Comments

Ellen Gndt – President

Matt Long – Vice-Chairman

Commissioner Comments

Natasha Leap – Commissioner

Dan McCreary – Commissioner - 8:17 - Introduced himself and offered the public to reach out to him should they have any concerns.

Charles Keppler – Commissioner – 8:17 – Reminded everyone about the concert in the park Wednesday night.

Reports

Manager Report – 8:18 – Pat Briegel - Congratulations to the Fire Company on the carnival.

Police – James Wagner, Chief – 8:18 - Brad Harrison has been officially approved by the Governor as the Pocono Township Emergency Management Coordinator.
Jim went over the June Police statistics with the board.

Public Works – Patrick Briegel – 8:19 - Nothing new to report at this time.

Zoning Report-SFM Consulting – 8:20 – Paul Morgan reviewed the zoning report with the board and went over the outline of a ZHB variance request, possible dangerous structure information and Pocono Manor. Discussion took place among the board.

Township Engineer Report- Jon Tresslar – 8:28 – Jon went over the status of TLC bridge repair, Stadden Bridge and Solar Farm.

Township Solicitor Report-Leo V. DeVito. – 8:30- Nothing new to report at this time.

Adjournment –Ellen Gndt made a motion, seconded by Natasha Leap, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.