



Scott Township Workshop Meeting Minutes

Scott Township

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 7:30 PM EST

301 Lindsay Rd, Carnegie, Pa 15106 and Zoom

Call to Order, Moment of Prayer, and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Altman called the meeting to order. The township prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were conducted.

Roll Call: Eileen Meyers - Present

Jane Sorcan - Present

Stacey Altman, President - Present

Samuel Dalfonso, Esq. - Present via

Zoom at 7:33 PM

Thomas Castello, Esq. - Present

Michelle Sedlak - Present

Nick Seibel, Vice President - Absent

Kathleen Gazda - Present

Donald Giudici - Present

Also present: John Bojarski, Assistant Township Manager-Operations

Karla McGill, Assistant Township Manager-Finance

John Vogel, Esq, Solicitor

Marie Hartman, Engineer

Kevin A. Brett, Engineer

Mark Mox, Planning, Zoning and Enforcement Officer (present via Zoom)

Matthew Podsiadly, Chief of Police

Shawn Kosanovich, Police Captain

Michael Rudolph, Administrative Assistant

Public Comments on all Agenda Items Listed Below

No public comments were made.

Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement

Mr. Mox stated 35 permits were issued for a total of \$823,151, 40 notices of violation, 13 of which were for high grass were issued, 13 magistrate hearings were attended, one zoning letter was sent, and 17 rental inspections and 13 building inspections were conducted.

Ms. Altman stated, "Discuss approval of the Sahrsta Plan of Lots Subdivision Plan to resubdivide six lots into five lots on Old Greentree Road, as recommended by the Planning Commission, subject to adding a notation on the plan requiring property owners' adherence to the Stormwater Operations & Maintenance Agreement." Mr. Mox stated, "This is something that we saw not too long ago to create the six-parcel subdivision. The current applicant would like to only build 5 townhouses, a little wider than what the six would allow. So, he's having a new subdivision created for the six parcels. They are also sharing a stormwater detention facility, and so we felt it was important that there be something on the subdivision plan that recognizes the obligation for the operation and maintenance of that facility, since it'll be shared

between the five property owners once the townhouses are sold. Now, this and the next item go hand in hand, but of course the subdivision, we would want it to consider first and then move on to land development after that.

Doug Tait with Tait Engineering stated the lots would be reduced from 6 lots to 5 and the units would be a couple of feet wider. Ms. Sorcan stated, "Why is it curved?" Mr. Tait stated, "The property adjoining us that wraps up behind us was, at one point it was an approved subdivision for a road that goes back up there. So that's sort of the radius of the road right of way that was there, and they were originally going to put some houses up above, but that wasn't approved." Ms. Sorcan stated, "Where's the retention pond?" Mr. Tait stated there was not a retention pond at the subdivision, and that there would be a tank that runs under the driveways of the townhouse units that would be maintained by the property owners. Ms. Altman stated it would be put on for vote at the next meeting.

Ms. Altman stated, "Discuss approval of the Sahrista Townhomes Land Development Plan on Old Greentree Road, as recommended by the Planning Commission, subject to satisfying the comments of the August 4, 2025, Engineer's Review letter and correcting any Zoning Ordinance references on the plan to the current Zoning Ordinance 1688-23." Mr. Mox stated, "The Planning Commission recommending approval of this, contingent on the engineer's review letter that you all should have received, and the majority of the comments are either standard comments that we have at this point in the juncture of a land development. There are a few, though, that are pertaining to calculations for the stormwater detention facility and additional information for the stormwater and so forth. And in working with Marie and Lennon Smith felt that the items that are left the remaining regarding the stormwater are ones that could be satisfied strictly with... through the engineer, and so the Planning Commission, again, was recommending approval of this plan." Ms. Altman stated this would be put on for vote.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Vogel stated he did not have any updates.

Engineer's Report

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of the Bid Opening for the 2026 Sanitary Sewer System Cleaning / CCTV Project (Contract No. 26-S2) to be held August 18, 2026. Ms. Hartman stated, "The bid report will be ready with the recommendation for your regular meeting. At current time, we have 5 bidders on the project, so I really anticipate some competitive bidding, which is a good thing."

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of Partial Payment No. 4 (Final) in the amount of \$22,702.00 submitted by Cronin Enterprises, LLC for the 2025 Stormwater Improvements Project - PRP Phase II (Contract No. 25-ST01). Ms. Hartman stated, "This is their final payment, and this will close out the contract. So, if I may put that on the agenda for the regular meeting."

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of the revised Geotechnical Investigation Proposal in the amount of \$14,420.00 submitted by Artuso Construction Engineering Consultants for

geotechnical engineering investigation of the Sillview Stormwater Pond. Ms. Hartman stated, "We do need Geotech on the pond for design. We did get a four years ago. As it has taken quite some time to acquire the property and have the ability to occupy property for drilling, Artuso has updated his rates. He was by far the most cost-effective one."

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval advertising the Sillview Stormwater Pond and Scrubgrass Stream Restoration Project - PRP Phase III; pending property acquisition, PaDEP permit issuance and receipt of Geotechnical Engineering Report. Ms. Hartman stated, "Hopefully the Geotech will be able to mobilize within the next couple of weeks. You usually transfer the port around quickly. The only thing that may impact bid schedule would be these permitting and property acquisition, which we can work through, because we are able to hold bids for a period."

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$153,900.00 submitted by Jet Jack, Inc. for the 2026 Storm Sewer Improvements Project (Contract No. 26-ST02).

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of Bond Reduction Request No. 12 submitted by Flash Point Partners, LLC reducing the site improvement bond amount from \$227,679.72 to \$145,255.55 for the Nixon School Residential Development (Cherry Meadows). Ms. Hartman stated, "It's been quite a few months since we've had one reduction request from the developer. This has been submitted, reviewed, recommended for approval. Typically, we approve those at this meeting and ratify them at the next meeting if you are so inclined to do so." Ms. Altman stated it would be ratified at the next meeting.

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of Partial Payment No. 7 (Final) in the amount of \$19,457.25 submitted by Grahamboys, LLC dba Graham Construction for the Public Works Garage Roof Replacement Project (Contract No. 24-R1).

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$54,360.00 submitted by Cronin Enterprises, LLC for the Public works Salt Storage Building Replacement Project (Contract No. 25-MB1).

Ms. Hartman stated she needed approval of Partial Payment No. 5 (Final) in the amount of \$1,190.13 submitted by Grahamboys, LLC dba Graham Construction for the Scott Park Restroom Improvements Project (Contract No. 23-PK1). Ms. Hartman stated, "This is typically provided to SHACOG and this will close out the restroom improvements."

Standing Committee Report – Finance

Mr. Castello stated, "The next item says discuss the allotment request from Glendale Hose Company No. 1 for their second 2026 approved budget allocation of \$70,000. That's not correct. Their second allotment wouldn't be 70. I looked at the budget, just made sure they only get 70, so there would be the entire allotment."

Ms. McGill stated, "They requested, so far, \$48,385, it's just the second one of this year, it's the balance." Mr. Castello stated, "So put that on for vote for the balance of their 2026 allotment. The other thing is, I saw Karla did send a letter, I can't believe we're at that time of year already. She sent a letter to all the departments for the budget requests. I can tell it's going to be a miserable budget season from what I can see already, and just get going. That's all I have."

Standing Committee Report – Public Safety

Chief Podsiadly stated there were 740 calls, 429 reports taken, 13 arrests, and 29 citations. Chief Podsiadly stated the Social Worker has had 29 cases so far, 23 of which had closed, and is currently in Orlando at the International Psychiatry Conference, where they will bring back a lot of good information.

Ms. Gazda stated, "Discuss traffic concerns in Ward 4, including on Somerville Drive, Borland Road and Vanadium Road." Chief Podsiadly stated, "Commissioner Dalfonso raised some concerns with Somerville. There's a crest in the hill around, I believe Sillview, and Borland, and Vanadium Road for difficulty seeing oncoming traffic coming from the side streets. Denise and I spoke at length and we believe, even though it's not PennDOT approved, that both concerns can be alleviated with use of mirrors. So that would be up to the board's approval. We did look at the potential for a preemptive warning sign system for Borland, because of the crest of that building, it's extremely costly. I have a verbal price, but I don't have a formal quote to actually share at this point."

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "If you don't mind, I know you and Marie kind of looked at the traffic in general and you thought it didn't warrant any no parking situation as far as that's concerned." Chief Podsiadly stated, "No, we were able to see fairly well. You could definitely see at least the top of the vehicle. we believe that the no parking period in that area would also be a burden to the residents as well, with the lack of substantial driveways in that area."

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "Do we have any other signs around, or can we get a potential estimate on a sign that says potential oncoming traffic ahead, or just some kind of a highlighter to notice there, just so people realize, 'oh hey you know there might be a car coming right at you.'" Chief Podsiadly stated, "Yeah, I'm sure a caution sign. I'm sure we don't have them on hand I could work with Bert on the cost."

Mr. Dalfonso stated, "I know you had mentioned dangerous intersection sign for the Borland location that we discussed, too. There's actually already one there. I can't believe none of us noticed it before, but when I was driving before I left here, I noticed it's just kind of behind a tree. Maybe we just need to clean up that portion so people can see it." Chief Podsiadly stated, "Just trim back. Gotcha."

Ms. Sedlak stated, "Would putting thermoplastic paint and some sort of big yellow kind of triangle cautionary shape on the ground be simple or no?" Chief Podsiadly stated, "I don't know. That would be a question, I mean, it would make it more visible." Ms. Hartman stated, "At least when Chief and I were there, that's pretty much all local traffic going through there."

So, I think everybody knows, but it wouldn't hurt, we can do something there. I would work with Chief, and we'll come up with something." Ms. Sedlak stated, "We were going to discuss the 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM parking?" Chief Podsiadly stated, "I believe that's in executive session."

Ms. Gazda stated, "Discuss deer management in the township and propose an online survey with a resident identifier, possibly by ward." Ms. Sedlak stated, "Since we do have the chief here, I do know that we don't have enough traffic instances with deer to warrant concern about that, but we have enough residents calling about the destruction of their flower beds and gardens and deer poop. Also, we don't have enough Lyme disease cases where the Allegheny County Health Department is coming in and saying that we've got an issue about it either. So, knowing that we have residents that feel very strongly on both sides, I can propose that we put out a survey online where people can't vote 15 times or 38 times, and it would be nice to break it down by ward to see how each ward feels. Michael, I believe, was looking into if that's a possibility."

Mr. Castello stated, "I think it's ridiculous. That kind of survey, it's not going to be accurate. You know my feeling, I'm for the deer management, but there's not a majority that believe we will do that, and we've been down this road for years with the public, and go for it if you want, but I just think it's a waste of time. They do not, they will not let us engage in any kind of project to cull the herds." Ms. Sedlak stated, "Let's have the data to support it." Mr. Castello stated, "That's what I'm saying, such a survey isn't totally accurate with that. Go ahead, go for it. I just don't think it's gonna get us anywhere." Ms. Sedlak stated, "Then we can at least look at our community members and say we did the best that we could to get your input, and the fact that you don't input does not help us at all. Sorry, that was a choice we made because that's how we made it. I don't necessarily want deer culling, but it's what the residents in my area want."

Mr. Castello stated, "I know how my residents feel about it, and most want to take care of it. Because I know what happens in my neighborhood. I have deer poop every day in my yard." Ms. Sorcan stated, "I was around first time this all was brought up, and the bottom line is, even if you call, it does not matter because you spilled by other deers and surrounding townships. Some are from Collier they come over, or Mount Lebanon comes over, and the cost is very high if you try birth control methods, that's ineffective. It's difficult."

Mr. Castello stated, "Mount Lebanon does it, that's how we get them." Ms. Sorcan stated, "But often too, like, I've heard that even though the culling, they can cull in the park next to you but they're still going to come over into your yard anyways." Mr. Castello stated, "But if there's less numbers, there's less culling." Mr. Castello and Ms. Sorcan both stated it was not cost effective. Mr. Dalfonso stated, "That's a continuing for the foreseeable future, too, because if we can't do it once, then you're just really throwing the money out."

Ms. Sorcan stated, "There were people who were against it, and many of the people that were against it were the hunters. They weren't the ones allowed to shoot the deer." Mr. Castello stated, "They would be allowed, but they had to pass certain." Ms. Sorcan stated, "Right, and they had to cover the cost of the process, and they didn't want to do that."

Ms. Altman stated, "We had a presentation last year from a different company, and they came in and they did say they could document the results, but it did make improvements for reducing the number of deer in the area. It was \$30,000 we were wanting to put in the budget to get it going and to try. If the board wants to, I mean, we could do a general poll right now and see who's in favor and who's not."

Mr. Castello stated, "I mean I don't have a problem with a survey if you want to take up all of Mike's time to do a survey. That's fine with me, but I don't think the results are going to be useful." Ms. Altman stated, "If nobody's willing to vote to say to even try and make a suggestion to put it in the budget and make an attempt to move forward with it, then there's no point." Ms. Meyers stated "that might change after the results of Michelle's survey." Mr. Castello stated, "I don't think so. Knowing our budget, we don't have it." Ms. Meyers stated, "Then they're going to keep multiplying. That's the problem."

Ms. Gazda stated, "I talked to some residents in my ward, and they're pretty much divided 50-50, whether they are interested in this or not. But Mount Lebanon has a culling program in Twin Hills Park, which is in the 9th ward, directly across the street from my house. In their program when they have it, they last, I think it's usually from January till April. So, I mean it's a long program, and I don't see any difference at all in the deer population. It doesn't seem to cut down on the deer. The population right now is crazy. We have so many babies."

Ms. Altman stated they would move forward with conducting a survey.

Standing Committee Report – Public Works

Mr. Castello stated, "Now that Mr. Kelley is no longer here, who is taking charge of this?" Mr. Bojarski stated, "So it's pretty much divided between a lot of things. I handle things with street openings and talking to residents and Denise is handling some of that as well." Mr. Castello stated, "Okay. I have a complaint so I'll tell you right now. There's a sewer over in front of Building 11 over at Chartier's Terrace that is either collapsing or whatever, falling down through as creating a hazard for the elderly people. Somebody is going to fall and get hurt."

Environmental Committee (Sewer Committee and MS4 Updates)

Ms. Sorcan stated, "The EAC is planning on having the 'Dare to be Tick Aware' on September 9th at 6:00 here in the meeting room as part of their monthly meeting. They're also continuing to work on a grant application with Denise to submit for the AND remediation grant to cover cost design costs. And they've been continuing to work with the Penn State on the LCAP action plan for the township. The EAC has also been trying to gather data on potentially installing solar panels, and I know this has been an issue in the past, and I suggested to them that they get a lot of detailed information and then maybe make a presentation at some point to the board and to find out if there's an interest in pursuing solar panels. Apparently one of the motivators for the solar panels is there are some distant grant funding out there, and if they can get it installed by the end of 2027, then we'll be eligible for some funding."

Parks, Recreation and Public Relations Report

Ms. Meyers stated, "Discuss the adoption of a resolution stating the township's intent to submit a grant application to assist in paying for an outdoor "fitness court" through the National Fitness Campaign. If selected, the township will seek additional grant or sponsorship funding to cover the remaining cost of the court." Ms. Altman stated this would be put on the agenda.

Library Report

Mr. Giudici stated, "They had their board meeting yesterday. I attended it. Some of the things that were discussed is they finalized your 2025 audit report. It's in draft form. They're sending a copy for all the board members, and they're going to vote for the approval and by email. They also have yesterday approved their 2027 budget for submission to the township. Looks like after 3.5% pull up. I told them things are tight, so, you know, they will submit the information to the township. They're presently working on their book sale coming up. I think it's in October or November. They're in the process of collecting books and categorizing them, but they had one concern they addressed to me. Is there some construction work being done at the ball field? The ones at the part where the pool is? Their concern is they have a shed out there where they keep all their books, and they're concerned about whether they're going to have continuing access to it."

Ms. Hartman stated, "So, pedestrian improvements that you have approved. So we'll make sure the contractors are aware that the library needs access to the shed."

Mr. Giudici stated the Library's Summer Reading Program was a success and they got a lot of compliments. Mr. Giudici stated the library has a Bingo night fundraiser on Friday, September 11, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the meeting room. Mr. Giudici stated the library has a fall craft show on November 26th and another trivia night on Friday February 8th at the Community Room.

SHACOG

Ms. Altman stated, "We have nothing for tonight."

Standing Committee Report – Administration

Mr. Bojarski stated, "Over the summer we did have 5 students from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, as we typically do. They just finished up last week. They were helpful this year with organizing, cleaning up file rooms, and doing some scanning. Paving restoration work on Lindsay Road north is expected to take place next week. I sent everyone out that traffic plan they submitted. The repair work on the elevator here was finished yesterday. The inspector is going to come out tomorrow. It has to be shut down until that inspection is passed, but once that is done, the elevator would be operational again. If you've driven by DPW, you'll probably notice the salt shed has come along nicely. The base is down there. Two more quick things; Review of our personnel policy is ongoing. Hopefully we can have something to the board next month or the month after that. And finally, this is a fun one too, the website upgrade is just about finished up. Very shortly, we should have a test link. It's looking really nice. It's very similar to the last one, but just polished up, a little bit more user friendly, mobile-friendly."

Mr. Castello stated, "With regard to Lindsay Road, I don't remember if it was in the memo. I know it said in there for where to where it would be, but how long did they say it would take? Because I have to let Terrace know." Mr. Bojarski stated construction would last for one week and it would start Monday. Mr. Bojarski stated, "Even though there's gonna be a couple areas of full closure, access to major roads, it's not going to be impeded."

Ms. Meyers stated, "John, thanks for keeping is updated all week. Working hard, Mike and Karla too since Denise is on vacation."

Ms. Altman stated, "Discuss appointment of a voting delegate and alternate to serve at the Resolutions Committee Meeting (to take place virtually on Friday, October 1, 2026) and Annual Business Meeting (to take place in-person on Friday, October 9 in Hershey) for the Pennsylvania Municipal League (PML). The delegate and alternate should be elected or appointed township officials who plan to attend the PML Summit (to be held October 7-10 in Hershey). I will be attending the conference that is at no cost to the township. I am on their board, so I will be there.

Conferences and Workshops

Ms. Altman stated, "Discuss ratification of registration for the Assistant Township Manager - Finance's attendance of the 2026 PAMA (Pennsylvania Association of Municipal Administrators) Conference to be held at the DoubleTree in Cranberry from September 13, 2026– September 16, 2026, with a conference registration rate of \$299.00 (registration due August 21st and no lodging required). So unless anybody has an issue with that, we'll ratify that."

Public Comments on Items Not Listed on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

Commissioner's Request

Mr. Giudici stated he did not have anything to add.

Ms. Meyers stated she did not have anything to add.

Mr. Castello stated he would like an update on the Birdland sewer project. Mr. Giudici stated, "It's been quiet." Ms. Hartman stated they were preparing and "They did the inspection of the residence basements that they were promised to do." Ms. Hartman stated the weekly meeting have been continuing.

Ms. Sorcan stated, "I just wonder if there's been a date since Columbia Gas is coming to do Lindsay, are they going to be doing anything about that open bump on Old Greentree and Pine Trees. It's been open for a long time; a plate is on it right now." Ms. Hartman stated, "That is part of one of their 3 permits that they have with the township for that gas line project. That hole that you are speaking of was something that came up unexpectedly toward the end of their procedures. It's played in. I understand that it's played if it's not, we need to know. as far as the schedule for all of that, I don't know about that lower end there, but I was gonna follow

up with him anyway. Commissioner Castello asked about the trench coming off the front part here just to make sure that they keep up with that till paving. I'll ask for a schedule to see if we have anything more formal for the entirety of the project."

Mr. Dalfonso stated he did not have anything to add.

Ms. Sedlak stated she did not have anything to add.

Ms. Altman stated she did not have anything to add.

Adjournment

Ms. Altman stated she needed a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motioned by Ms. Meyers, Seconded by Mr. Giudici.

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM (9-0)

An executive session for legal was conducted after the meeting.

Attest: _____

