



ADAMS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION



Adams County Agricultural &
Natural Resources Center
670 Old Harrisburg Road
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325

MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2026

1) Attendance:

Members - John Lerew, Mel Lebo, Tom Streiff, Bill Smith, Skip Strayer, Jim Morhaleck, Rick Crouse, Jim Martin

Staff - Andrew Merkel, Miah Gresh

2) Adoption of Agenda: Mr. Lebo made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Streiff and passed unanimously.

3) Minutes from March 18, 2026 Meeting: Approved as submitted.

4) Public Comment: None

5) ACOPD Review Reports

SLD Submissions: Fifteen SLD plans were submitted in March 2026. There were subdivisions, lot additions, and land development plans including:

- Cavalry Hill PhII SecII, Oxford Twp – Phase of residential development proposing 6 duplex units and 10 townhome units
- Mason Dixon Farms Inc, Freedom Twp- New freestall barn, milking parlor, and gravel areas
- Table Rock Terrace Corrective Plan, Cumberland Twp. - Adding side street names, no changes to proposed layout of development
- UASD Turf Field Project, Biglerville Borough - Installation of turf field, addition of paving for various sporting events, storage building and field house

67/68 Submissions: Six 67/68 land use consistency reviews were submitted in March 2026, including:

- Isaac Lapp, Germany – NPDES Stormwater/Construction
- S&A Homes, Bonneauville – NPDES Stormwater/Construction
- Columbia Gas of PA, Fairfield – Water Obstruction and Encroachment Activities
- Hanover Country Club, Abbottstown - NPDES General Permit

Municipal Reviews: Three municipal reviews were submitted in March 2026, including:

- Cumberland - Zoning Map Amendment regarding Adams Electric
- Freedom – Zoning Ordinance Amendment regarding Mason Dixon Farms
- Straban - Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Amendment regarding mobile home park use



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6) Staff Reports:

Freedom Township Agricultural Security Area Seven Year Review

Freedom Township had submitted 48 parcels for re-establishment in their Agricultural Security Area. Staff recommended that the Adams County Planning Commission recommend that the Freedom Township Supervisors approve 48 parcels within the Freedom Township Agricultural Security Area for the 2026 Seven Year Review with the name and minor acreage modifications made to the list.

Mr. Crouse made a motion to follow staff recommendation and recommend that the Freedom Township Supervisors approve the 48 parcels within the Freedom Township ASA for the 2026 Seven Year Review with modifications. The motion was seconded by Mr. Streiff and passed unanimously.

Ag Land Preservation Round 17

Mr. Merkel provided information regarding the opening of the Ag Land Preservation Program Round 17. The application period is open from April 13, 2026 to June 12, 2026.

7) Member Comments: None

8) Adjournment: 7:54 PM