

Oronoco Township Planning Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2026

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paige Collins at 6:00 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

III. Roll Call

Last	First	Present	Absent	
Berg	Lori	X		
Collins	Paige	X		Chair
Franzone	Mario	X		
Rucker	Adam	X		Vice-Chair
Smith	Angela		X	
Torrens-Burton	Jonathan	X		
Young	Erin	X		
Matzke	Tammy			Township Board Rep
Koenig	Lynn	X		Special Projects
Geerdes	Gregg	X		Special Projects
Kaske	Ethan	X		TCPA
Fincke	Janelle			TCPA
Johanningmeier	Joel			Township Supervisor
Ruppe	Bob			Twp Attorney

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Tonight's meeting agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve the meeting agenda was offered by Mr Rucker, seconded by Ms Young. Motion carried.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from the June 15, 2026, meeting were discussed. Motion for approval of the minutes was offered by Mr Rucker, seconded by Mr Franzone. Motion carried.

VI. TCPA Update

Mr Franzone reported that permit numbers are relatively flat with last year, but the overall dollars are down over 50% due to most permits being smaller projects.

Olmsted County has signed a contract with Clarion to review the county ordinance. Their goal is to finish by the end of 2027 in order to adopt it in spring of 2028. TCPA has already given some input. In addition, there will be booths at the fair and a website for community input. There will also be a process to get input from the Townships, although we don't know yet what that will be. Mr Franzone suggested that we discuss how we want to be involved and what input we want to give. Ms Matzke shared that there is a meeting scheduled for Tues, Aug 4, 2026, at 10am for townships to share what we're seeing on the ground.

VII. Public Hearings

- a) River Ridge 5th – Chair Collins made some opening remarks. She explained the job of the planning commission. She acknowledged the number of continuations for this application due to missing information in the beginning. She made note of a number of different documents supporting Outlot B as open space in the GDP for River Ridge I. She concluded, in her opinion, that the River Ridge 5th application does not comply with Township ordinances.

Chair Collins noted that unless the Commission feels there is some new information, we will not reopen the public hearing and that our motion will be a recommendation to the Town Board. Discussion ensued. Everyone was in agreement that we have the appropriate documents to make a decision.

Mr Franzone made a motion to recommend denial of the River Ridge 5th application. Mr Rucker seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. Old Business

- a) None

IX. New Business

- a) None

X. Discussion Items

- a) Proposed Zoning Certificate Ordinance – Ms Koenig distributed a proposed zoning certificate ordinance. She gave a brief overview of what it is. It was then agreed to put this item on our August agenda for further discussion.
- b) Zoning Ordinance Update – The Town Board has approved \$3000 for us to continue work on updating our zoning ordinance. Ms Young will invest in a license for Claude AI and use that to begin the work of consolidating our current ordinance. When/where appropriate, she will also

work with Kristi Trisko to include tables and charts to help with clarification.

XI. Open Forum

Nothing raised.

XII. As May Be Brought Up by Members

None

XIII. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was offered by Ms Young, seconded by Mr Rucker. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Collins
Chair

Officers:	Chair	Paige Collins	(2026 – term expiration)
	Vice-Chair	Adam Rucker	(2026 – term expiration)
Commissioners:	Member	Lori Berg	(2027 – term expiration)
	Member	Mario Franzone	(2028 – term expiration)
	Member	Angela Smith	(2027 – term expiration)
	Member	Jonathan Torrens-Burton	(2028 – term expiration)
	Member	Erin Young	(2028 – term expiration)
Other:		Tammy Matzke	(Town Board representative)
		Lynn Koenig	(Special Projects Administrator)
		Gregg Geerdes	(Special Projects Administrator)