



O` Oxford Region Planning Committee

Chair: Albert Jezyk Jr. Vice-Chair: Charles Fleischmann Treasurer: Robert Ketcham

April 23, 2025 Meeting Report

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 - 7:00 pm via Zoom

Zoom Recording Link: <https://youtu.be/GShAJOyoZwE> Video Length 1:44:26

Meeting Recording: Just a reminder that we have included a reference to the time in the meeting when topics were discussed (ie, **1:08**). Please click on the YouTube link above and scan to the meeting time to hear additional content/more details.

← Homework: This symbol identifies homework that has been assigned to a member of the ORPC, the secretary, or the entire membership.

Reported By: Mark Gallant (with help from David Ross)

ORPC Representatives: Pauline Garcia-Allen, Kathryn Cloyd – Oxford Borough; Al Jezyk, Jr. – Elk Township; Robert McMahon, Joel Brown – Lower Oxford Township; Charles Fleischmann - Upper Oxford; David Ross - West Nottingham Township. No members were in attendance from East Nottingham.

Guests: Donna Crosson – West Nottingham Democratic Committee; Eileen Butler – East Nottingham Planning Commission; Blair Fleischmann – Upper Oxford.

Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC) Staff: Mark Gallant

☐ **Approval of Meeting Report** The meeting report for April 3, 2025 was approved.

☐ **Chair's Report** No report at this time.

☐ **Treasurer's Report** **51** On behalf of Bob Ketcham, Mark reported that a check was forwarded to the County to cover the last quarter invoice (\$3,060.00), and a \$200.00 check was sent back to Elk Township (Elk paid the annual regional contribution that was decided against for 2025). After those checked are processed the checking account balance will be \$17,092.81. Enough to will cover the remaining costs for the Comp Plan update.

☐ **Municipal Updates** **2:15**

Oxford Borough The Police Study: Four municipalities have submitted letters of intent included Penn, East Nottingham, Upper Oxford, and Londonderry (most recent). The Borough is working with DCED to assign a consultant which is taking longer than

expected. The study will look at different types of models for police service based on municipal conditions, demographics, etc. It will look at regionalization and other possible scenarios. It is a broad, low-risk study. Eileen asked a question about the boundaries of the study area and Pauline's answer can be heard by clicking on the recording at [3:40](#).

❑ **ORPC Subcommittees:** *David and Blair*

Regional Volunteer Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) [5:00](#) The EAC has committed to participating in at least three First Fridays in 2025: May 2 (with ECWA and OWA), June 6 (with Brandywine Conservancy and Octorara Plant Nursery) and October 3 (with Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay). OMI has indicated that they will wave the fee for two of the events and David asked if the ORPC would approve spending up to \$50.00 for related fees. The motion carried. Eileen asked David to share the reason for the EAC's participation in First Fridays and this discussion can be heard by clicking on the recording at [7:00](#). The EAC also expects to have a table at the Oxford Library-sponsored fishing tournament at Glenroy Preserve. David and Kathryn also discussed a plan being developed with partners to expand native plantings in the Borough. On May 19, the Borough will officially dedicate the created wetland at the Community of Love Lutheran Church...your attendance was encouraged! The EAC is also working through notes from the recent Stakeholder's meeting and will send out a report soon.

Historic Preservation Sub-committee (H-Sub) [14:04](#)

The final payments for the interpretive signs have been submitted to the manufacturer. Mark Gallant and Chris Bittle (CCPC Photog and graphics specialist) met with Mary in Elk and Blair at Lincoln village to take photos for the interpretive signs. They also visited Glenroy. A sample of the signs was presented at the H-Sub meeting on the 22nd, and will be forwarded to the rest of the H-Sub on the 24th. The group is thinking about additional sites that could be added later.



❑ **East Nottingham Zoning Amendment:** *Mark* [17:00](#)

Mark went over the responsibilities of the Oxford Region based on the Intergovernmental Cooperative Planning Agreement, an overview of the proposed amendments, and more. He also shared that it was probably too soon for the group to discuss the draft language as it was forwarded to the ORPC just two days before. He suggested that the ORPC pick up the discussion at the next meeting on May 1st. Eileen also took a few minutes to share a few details on the proposed amendments. David

Ross asked a question about organization of the proposed amendments at 21:20 that started a discussion worth listening to if you were not in attendance.

❑ **Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan Update** *Mark Gallant*

Goals and Objectives. Mark updated the draft Goals and Objectives based on input from the ORPC membership before and during the meeting on April 3rd. This should be considered the 2nd draft of the Goals and Objectives. A lot of discussion took place while reviewing the 2nd draft of the Goals and Objectives, too much to accurately capture in this meeting report. Therefore, it is recommended that those members of the ORPC that were not able to attend this meeting click on the recording at 35:18 to hear the full Comp Plan discussion.

Mark will create a 3rd draft of the 2026 goals and objectives for review by the ORPC membership before the Public Open House. ← **Homework**

Mark also provided an update to the project schedule at 129:20.

May Public Open House. Mark provided an update regarding activities related to the upcoming Public Open House (May 28th) at 130:50

- As of right now, we have a reservation with Herr's Visitors Center. After checking with Ware and Redmanns, the other viable option is the cafeteria at Penn's Grove Middle School. The ORPC membership voted and identified Penn's Grove as the preferred option.
- Mark is working on the survey results and forward them to the ORPC as soon as they are completed.
- Mark is trying to pull together ideas for displaying the materials to promote good one on one conversations. We want to engage people, not bore them.
- The flier will focus around the theme, "Did We Hear You," referencing the public survey results and other public input.

David asked if the flier may be done in time for distribution for May First Friday. Mark made no promises but said that he would do his best.

Mark hopes to present the exiting conditions for Parks, Recreation, and Open Space at an upcoming meeting with the presentation of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space chapter in June.

❑ **Public Comment**

Next ORPC Meeting: May 1, 2025 via Zoom.