

**PENN TOWNSHIP
ZONING HEARING BOARD
MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2026**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

Gerry Wolfe – Chairman
Cat Minnerly
Alan Shaffer
Tom Benjamin (Alt)

Others

Melvin Newcomer, ZHB Solicitor
Brenda Pardun, Court Reporter
Richard Landis, BOS
Matthew Reeser, Penn Township Zoning Officer

Timothy Baldwin, MCM Consulting
Chad Smith, SESI
Robert Dowd, Lebanon County DES

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Mr. Wolfe

There was a motion by Shaffer with a second by Minnerly to approve the minutes for the April 8, 2026 zoning hearing; the motion carried in-full

Party Status was explained to the audience by the ZHB solicitor. There were no requests

Case #261003 – Applicant Lebanon County Commissioners request a special exception per §27-504.1, and in the alternative, a use variance from §27-202.3 to allow the removal of an existing 160' tall emergency communications tower and the construction of a new, 250' tall emergency communications tower in the same approximate location. The property that is the subject of this application is 721 Fire Tower Road, Penn Township, Lancaster County, and has a Lancaster County Tax ID#500-16428-0-0000 which is located in the CN – Conservation Zoning District of Penn Township.

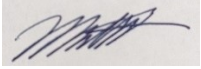
The following is a synopsis of what was presented by Chad Smith:

- A special exception for the existing communications tower was granted in/around 1975
- The new tower will be taller than the existing tower
- The new tower will be located in the same approximate location as the existing tower
- It is anticipated that there will be approximately 1 ½-2 years from new tower approval until the existing tower will be completely removed from the site
- The new tower will be lighted at the top of the structure
- The proposed tower will provide emergency radio coverage for Lebanon County and some of the surrounding areas

At approximately 7:15pm there was a motion by Minnerly, with a second by Shaffer to approve the request; the motion was carried in-full by the ZHB.

At approximately 7:20pm there was a motion by Benjamin with a second by Minnerly to end the meeting; the motion was carried in-full by the ZHB.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Reeser", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Matthew Reeser – Penn Township Zoning Officer/ ZHB Recording Secretary