

**Franklin Township, Adams County  
Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting**

**April 20, 2026**

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:** Supervisor Santay, Supervisor Crushong, and Supervisor Williams.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer

The workshop, held at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Santay.

2408 Chambersburg Road – Norman Solar Project - Extension

**MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Williams to grant a 60-day extension to the Norman Solar project at 2408 Chambersburg Road. Motion carried, 3-0.**

326 Sunset Road – Hostetter – Waiver Request

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township received a signed waiver request from Mr. Hostetter and Brandon Guiher, KPI Technology is not oppose to the waiver per his email of April 6, 2026.

**MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to approve the waiver for an accessory structure to put in the front plain of the house at 326 Seven Stars Road. Motion carried, 3-0.**

138 Crooked Creek Road – Esh – Waiver Request

Supervisor Santay asked Mr. Esh if his engineer has gotten the Stormwater drawing done. Mr. Esh commented that he does not have the completed drawing yet. Supervisor Santay informed Mr. Esh that he needs to get his engineer to get the drawings done. The Board, once the Stormwater drawings are received, will try to get them processed as soon as possible. Mr. Esh responded that he would get with his engineer to get them done.

**MOTION by Supervisor Crushong, seconded by Supervisor Williams to deny the waiver request for the Stormwater requirements at 138 Crooked Creek Road. Motion carried, 3-0.**

1107 Poplar Springs Road – Waiver Request

Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer informed the Board that the Township had a waiver request from Andrew Miller, PMCA concerning 1107 Poplar Springs Road. There is an existing building on this property that exceeds the front plain of the home and they want to put in a 26 x 38 pole building in the place of the existing structure. Andrew in his email of April 7, 2026 commented that about half of this building will be in the front plain of the home. The existing structure is completely in the front yard. Supervisor Santay asked what was the size of the existing structure. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer replied that she did not have that measurement.

**MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to table the request for waiver at 1107 Poplar Springs Road to give the Board time to get dimension on the old/existing shed. Motion carried, 3-0.**

**Sawmill Ordinance – Ben King**

Supervisor Santay informed everyone that discussion on the Sawmill Ordinance will be done in executive session.

Supervisors Santay asked if there were any comments before the Board went into Executive Session. Dennis Robinson, Planning Commission member commented that the operation would be commercial and not agricultural. Gary Deardorff, Planning Commission member commented that he felt the same way as Denny.

Mr. King commented that they did in fact due research on the property and signed a contract contingent on having a sawmill on the property. Mr. King went on further to say that there were emails with Lynda, (former PMCA Zoning Officer) that said a sawmill could be a use on this property. Mr. King gave the Board a copy of the emails and went over some of the points that he wanted to bring to the attention of the Board. Supervisor Williams commented that a sawmill could have been a use if it wasn't subdivided. The Board commented that they would like to go into Executive Session to discuss.

**GUEST**

Mr. Brian Redding commented that he had many dealings with Lynda and she was very particular about zoning and he is surprised that Lynda did not shoot this down at the gate concerning the sawmill. He commented that maybe Lynda saw a possibility that the sawmill could operate at this location. Mr. Redding commented that he gets the Board's opinion and also gets Mr. King's opinion also.

Mr. Redding also asked about the relevance of the size of the shed at 1107 Poplar Spring Road. If there is already a shed there why does the size matter. Supervisor Crushong commented that he does matter because what if their existing shed is 5x10 and now they want to put a 26x38 shed. That would be a big difference. Mr. Redding said it was just his comment.

Mr. Redding also asked about 326 Sunset Road and why this resident does not have to go before the Zoning Hearing Board concerning the front plain of the house. Supervisor Santay explained that this resident had already done all that was required to obtain a permit and then PMCA said stop. This was an issue with another garage in the Township in the front plain of the home. This was a miss on PMCA's side and that is why the Board gave this waiver.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:26 pm and returned at 8:02 pm.

The Board asked if there were any additional comments for the Board from the residents that were still present.

Mr. Doug Glass asked about the Right to Farm Act and questioned the Board if they have read this Act. It does not address a sawmill in particular and is very vague. He read from the Act that "Direct commercial sales of agricultural commodities upon property owned and operated by a landowner who produces not less than 50% of the commodities sold". Mr. Glass commented that if 500 lf of lumber then 250 lf has to be produce from the farm. Mr. Glass also read "No nuisance action shall be brought against an agricultural operation which has lawfully been in operation for one year or more prior to the date of bringing such action". He said this does not even make sense since this operation is not even in business yet. There was discussion about the purpose of the sawmill and if it is an agricultural commodity?

Mr. Glass commented that the definition of forestry is planting, management of, and harvesting of trees. Once you start cutting it that is a process that is taking timber and turning into lumber and he doesn't see how a sawmill is forestry. Supervisor Santay commented that he doesn't see how it is agriculture either. Supervisor Williams comments that forestry is allowed in every zone of the Township mean you can go

in and log your own property if you want – that is permitted and that is how we are defining forestry. Is a sawmill for personal use or for commercial use?

Mr. Esh – Crooked Creek Road asked if there is anything that would prohibit them from putting the frame up for the greenhouse? Supervisor Santay commented how long before Mr. Esh can get the Stormwater plan expedited. Supervisor Santay also commented that the Township once the plan is received get it reviewed in a timely manner. The Board commented that nothing should be done until the Stormwater has been approved and they have a permit.

Mr. Gary Deardorff asked about an Ag Security Meeting. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer commented that she thought it was next year but do not take that as definite until she looks into the dates that the last one was one. Ag Security is the 1<sup>st</sup> step to get the property into Ag Preservation. There was a lot of discussion of what can and cannot be in Ag Security. Supervisor Crushong commented that anyone can call into the County to ask whether property meets the requirements for Ag Security. Susan Plank, Secretary/Treasurer commented that they can talk to Mark Clowney at Adams County Planning concerning Ag Security and what qualifies.

**MOTION by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Crushong to adjourn meeting at 8:27 pm:  
Motion carried, 3-0. pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Plank  
Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-Chairman Matthew Williams

Supervisor Henry [Signature]